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C. E. POOLEY NOMINATED FOR ESQUIMALT RIDING

Delegates Enthusiastically Express Confidence in the Government

H. D. HELMCKEN DELIVERS ADDRESS

Urges All Conservatives to Put Their Shoulders to the Wheel and Work for Candidate

C. E. Pooley, K. C., was unanimously selected as the standard-bearer of the Liberal-Conservative association of the Esquimalt constituency at a largely attended and enthusiastic convention held last evening at the Lamson street schoolhouse. After the choice had been made and the chairman, A. G. Potts, had announced the result, brief but rousing addresses were delivered by Mr. Pooley and H. D. Helmcken, K. C. These were followed by a few words of an optimistic character from others present, after which votes of thanks were tendered the presiding officer for his able services and a vote of confidence in the administration of Premier McBride was carried with cheers.

Mr. Pooley after thanking the convention for the confidence reposed in him and acknowledging the honor done him by the Liberal-Conservative association of the district, said it was the 24th time he had been asked to become the representative of the Conservatives of the Esquimalt electoral section; and he wanted it understood that he appreciated the friendly sentiments so strikingly demonstrated.

It was not his intention to enter into a discussion of the political issues. There would be time enough for that later. Owing to the shortness of the period before the general election it would not be possible for him to cover as much territory as he would like to do. But he would wage just as vigorous a campaign as circumstances would permit. And he hoped that his constituents would rally to his side and do everything in their power to aid in his election to the legislature. He pointed out that it was not only in his interests that he spoke but in those of the Liberal-Conservative party of British Columbia—the government of the present premier. (Applause.)

In reference to his record during the years he had served as the representative of the voters of the district, he did not think it necessary to say much. The majority of those present, he was sure, knew as much about it as he could tell them. He simply wished to say that he had always done everything possible in the interests of the district. Doubtless he had sometimes made mistakes. But, he added, where could he find a man in public service who had not occasionally erred in judgment? (hear, hear). There was one thing of which he could speak with the conviction that he could not be contradicted—and that was that he had never been guilty of anything of which he need be ashamed. (Applause.)

Throughout his twenty-four years as the sitting member of the Esquimalt district he had used his best efforts for those he represented and was willing, if returned at the forthcoming election, to continue to give his services for the benefit of the constituency. (Applause.)

Concluding, Hon. Mr. Pooley thanked those present for their kindness, hoped they would all do everything in their power to assist him in the pending contest now that he had received their nomination, and assured them that he would co-operate with the able assistance of the party generally throughout the campaign. (enthusiastic applause.)

H. D. Helmcken, K. C., delivered an address of an exceptionally optimistic character. He spoke of his long acquaintance with Hon. Mr. Pooley and his many staunch qualities. It was his hope that all would put their shoulders to the wheel now that their standard-bearer had been chosen to help to return him at the forthcoming election. If everybody did a little he was sure that the nominee would carry the riding by an overwhelming majority. (Applause.) But, he pointed out, although it was perfectly correct to display confidence and coolness in the midst of the fight it was just as right to allow such a feeling to interfere with the aggressiveness of the tactics adopted. His friend, Hon. Mr. Pooley, would have to be backed up by equally energetic lieutenants to make sure of his return. There was nothing so uncertain as an election, Mr. Helmcken said, and therefore he expressed the wish that all should unite in the common effort to return the choice of the convention by a large plurality.

The McInnes Incident

Turning to matters outside the scope of the Esquimalt constituency, Mr. Helmcken referred to the present situation. He stated that the province was now on the eve of a general election which, he believed, would prove one of the most hotly contested in the history of British Columbia. It had been announced that W. W. B. McInnes was being sent from Ottawa to help the Liberals in the fight. That indicated, beyond peradventure, that the Dominion government was determined that the Liberal party should gain supremacy in western Canada, a country which was constantly growing in importance and which the federal authorities were beginning to realize would soon have to be taken more into consideration in dealing with public affairs than in the past. That was the outlook and it presaged a keen contest. But the Liberal-Conservatives were ready and he believed that those of the Esquimalt riding would do their best to defeat the purpose of the federal administration by electing their candidate, Hon. Mr. Pooley. (applause.)

The country, Mr. Helmcken said, was in a prosperous condition. This had been largely brought about by the wise government furnished by Premier McBride and his colleagues. (applause.) The premier had given strong proof of his ability and strength of purpose at the recent conference of provincial premiers at Ottawa. There he had maintained a stand for a fair measure of justice for British Columbia. As a result he had obtained recognition that this province possessed peculiarities which warranted the granting of special terms—"better terms." That, in itself, was an accomplishment. Would it be wise, would it be safe, to turn down such a government at a critical time such as the present? That was the question which the electors had to ask themselves before casting their votes. (Enthusiastic applause.)

Mr. Helmcken, in conclusion, wished all present a Happy New Year and he added "to assure a 'Happy New Year' you must vote for good government." (Laughter and cheers.)

Arthur Blockley, a resident of San Juan had known Hon. Mr. Pooley for many years. He had worked for him in previous elections and would do so again. He hoped that all would do the same and so insure his return. (applause.)

Mr. Helmcken moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and an expression of confidence in the administration of Premier McBride. Both resolutions were carried unanimously and amid enthusiasm. The gathering dispersed after singing "God Save the King."

Premier Opens Campaign

Last evening Premier McBride left for his constituency having arranged to address meetings today at Chilliwack at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at Maple Ridge at 8 in the evening. On Saturday night he will speak at Pood. Having made this short tour the premier will return to Victoria on Sunday evening.

A Good Drink

Christmas Time

Thorpe's Pale

Dry Ginger Ale

COL. G. H. HAYES MAKES OVER A MILLION IN MINES

Fortune Smiles Kindly on Man Who is Well known in Victoria

STORIES OF WEALTH IN NEVADA

Millionaires Are Made on Short Notice in Goldfields and Tonopah Camps

"Little more than two years ago without funds, today a millionaire—this tells briefly the wonderful luck of Col. G. H. Hayes, who will be remembered in Victoria because of his dealings in connection with the Alkali mines," said J. A. Alkman, who arrived here from the Tonopah and Goldfields mining districts in Nevada to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

"The Colonel, they tell me, has squared all his accounts in this neighborhood, and has over a million dollars to his credit," continued Mr. Alkman. "He made it all on a lease taken by himself and four others for a year on the Mohawk mine, in Goldfields. The lease expires in a few days, and there is no probability that it will be continued. The mine has proven too rich for that. But Hayes has been enough."

"He left Victoria with nothing, or perhaps a few dollars, and landed in Goldfields, where he and three others on January 7 of last year took a lease on the Mohawk mine. They were to work the property and get a quarter interest in the output. They went up against it hard at the commencement; they were in such straits that they wanted the money in their employ to take a share in the lease in payment of wages. The men wouldn't do this, and things looked bad."

Strikes It Rich

"A few days later Col. Hayes struck into one of the richest veins the world has ever seen. This is no boom talk; it is one of the richest veins ever heard of. Why, they shipped from the mine a carload of ore from the mine valued at a million dollars. "Gave" leases will run out in a few days, but he has been working the mine for all he is worth. He had a hoisting engine and plant shipped in by express from the East at an immense cost; but it meant the earning of considerably more money for him. The shipments of the mine have netted fabulous sums and each of the four men interested in the lease is reputed to be a millionaire. This I know, and know positively—the Mohawk Mining Company has over \$2,000,000 deposited as a bank account at Goldfields, and an idea may be formed of the value of the mine when it is considered that the leaseholders get only 25 per cent."

"Other British Columbians who have become very wealthy in the Nevada goldfields include John McKane, who hails from Rossland. He was a candidate for the provincial legislature to represent Rossland some years ago, being defeated. He got his start at Tonopah in the Tonopah Extension Mining Company five or six years ago, and then got a lease on the Jumbo gold claim in Goldfields."

Dr. Bowes, also from Rossland, who has now retired, a wealthy man, and taken up residence at Seattle, was interested with him in that lease, and he must have several hundred thousand dollars to the good.

Cleans Up Two Millions

"C. D. Taylor, who was in Victoria two weeks ago, left Victoria some years ago, after prospecting in this vicinity, and landed in Tonopah broke. He didn't have a cent, and worked on the streets to get a grubstake. He afterward went over to what was then known as the Grand district, which was discovered. He staked sixteen claims, and out of some of them he has cleaned up \$2,000,000 at least. He recently sold out his interests in the Red Top and Jumbo mines for \$1,600,000 cash and still has \$500,000 worth of stock in other properties. Some of the claims that he had staked made fortunes for others who bought them from him for small sums in the earlier days."

"Another man who made a fortune there was once in this district, but is better known at Dawson. A. D. Nash, an American, went to Tonopah broke, and today he's worth half a million dollars. He got his start in the Manhattan-Dexter, which he staked. He had a quarter interest in the mine and manipulated the stock he held in Goldfields, making considerable money. Then he went into the Greenwater district on a copper proposition, where he also made money by manipulating the stock he held in properties there."

"There are others who acquired sudden wealth in that district, but none with more romantic interest than a man named Wingfield. He was a gambler and drifted into the district without a cent. Today he has over \$10,000,000. Some say he has twice that amount. He got it all from mines in that district."

"John Houston, former member for Nelson in the provincial legislature, and editor and publisher of the Nelson Tribune, is one of those, on the other hand, who have not made good. When I last saw John Houston he was sticking type on the Sun, published at Goldfields."

Mr. Alkman, who will return shortly to the Nevada camp, where he is engaged in brokerage and mining, left Victoria about ten years ago, first engaging in business in the Kootenay district and afterward at Dawson, from where he went to the Nevada mines. He says the country is immensely rich. At present the high cost of transportation prevents anything but the richest of the ore being worked and shipped to the smelters. There are a number of small mills in the district at present. Until recently

McINNES CLOSES UP HIS YUKON BUSINESS

Returns to Ottawa and Prepares to Proceed to British Columbia

McINNES CLOSES UP HIS YUKON BUSINESS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Governor McInnes of the Yukon returned this afternoon from New York. He proceeded to close up his Yukon business with the departments, and will in all probability hand in his resignation on Saturday and proceed to British Columbia to be first lieutenant of J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader. Until tonight he does not desire to make any public announcement beyond that he has received an invitation from Mr. Macdonald to join his forces and contest a constituency.

FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—James Harris, his wife, his son aged 13, and a little baby were victims of natural gas fumes used in the house for fuel purposes. All were dead when discovered.

EARLY SETTLER KILLED

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—James Camb, aged 73 years, one of the early settlers, was accidentally shot and killed by his grandson, who was shooting at a target on the homestead near Mountain Grove.

B. F. GRAHAM CO. BUYS TAYLOR-PATTISON PLANT

Will Manufacture Lumber for Local and Northwest Canadian Market

CONTRACT FOR ESQUIMALT MILL

Tenders for Machinery Necessary to Cut From 100,000 to 125,000 Feet Per Day

The B. F. Graham Lumber company purchased the Taylor-Pattison Mill Company's holdings on Victoria arm, near Point Ellice, yesterday. The consideration was about \$50,000. The company has also completed the purchase of a site for a large saw and planing mill for export shipment at Esquimalt harbor, near Parson's Ridge, and contracts will be let within the next few days for a modern plant for this mill. The company is also building a small mill at the mouth of Gordon river, San Juan harbor, to cut the timber for the construction of a large mill to be established next summer with a capacity of 150,000 feet of timber per day for export shipment.

The Taylor-Pattison plant on the Arm will be considerably enlarged. The intention of the purchasers is to use this mill for cutting lumber for the local and Northwest Canadian market, while the mill to be established on Esquimalt harbor in readiness to begin cutting in July or August next will be used for the export trade overseas. Wharves will be built and one tug at least, if not more, secured to handle the sailing ships chartered to load lumber.

Yesterday C. F. Betterton, manager of the B. F. Graham Lumber company, examined the site for the Esquimalt mill and had with him agents of machinery manufacturers. The plans of the mill have been drawn up and specifications prepared for the equipment needed. Tenders are now being received for the supply of the plant necessary for the cutting of from 100,000 to 125,000 feet per day. A large planing mill will be established in connection with the plant.

The company's timber limits are on the West Coast, where the interests of the Monarch Lumber company in the San Juan district were acquired. Large logging camps will be organized and timber boomed, not only for the mill at San Juan, but also for the Esquimalt plant. Rafts will be towed by the company's tugs from San Juan to Esquimalt. The mill at San Juan will commence cutting, it is expected, about June.

A week or two ago machinery bought from the Adam's mill, on the Victoria arm, was taken to the West coast by the steamer Maude, chartered for that purpose from the B. C. Salvage company, and this machinery has been placed in position and will be cutting shortly, getting out material for the larger mill, the plant for which will not be ready until April or May. It has been ordered and will be secured from the manufacturers at the earliest possible moment.

QUARRELS WITH GIRL THEN KILLS HIMSELF

Arthur Butterworth of Brantford Suicides In the Home of His Sweetheart

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 27.—Arthur Butterworth, son of a well known manufacturer, succumbed to bullet wounds inflicted by himself at the home of his fiancée on Wednesday. Butterworth paid a visit on Christmas Eve to his prospective bride, at which a quarrel took place between the couple. He called again the following night, but was refused permission to make his calls, the engagement having been broken. He returned to the house later, walked in and, seized with a mad impulse, shot himself with a 22-calibre revolver, in the presence of the mother of his fiancée. The young lady is very well known and highly respected and was a leading singer in the choir of a local church.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—The Ontario legislature has been called for January 24.

COURT FINES BISHOP

Nancy, France, Dec. 27.—The correctional court here today fined Bishop Turinaz \$10 for striking a guardman on the occasion of the former's expulsion from the Episcopal residence here.

LAY STEEL RAPIDLY.

Workmen on C. P. R. Sudbury Line Rush Towards Parry Sound

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—Track-laying gangs on the C. P. R. Sudbury line gained their point when they laid steel into Bala by Christmas morning. They laid over a mile of track in just about four hours. Within a few days they will be in Parry Sound, having only 14 miles of track to lay and averaging a mile and a half a day.

HYMAN IMPROVES.

Suffers from Insomnia and Nervous Trouble of Acute Character.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—The latest reports from Hon. C. S. Hyman, who is still in the South, say that he is improving in health. He has been assured that there is no organic complaint. He has been suffering from insomnia and nervous troubles of an acute character, and it is hoped that rest and change of scene will prove effective in restoring him to his full strength.

JAPANESE DEPORTED

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—Immigration officers have arrested five Japanese at Fort Hancock out of a large number smuggled over on Christmas night and all were deported to Mexico today. Some of them had previously been rejected by immigration officers here, as all came under the pauper classification.

Nine Japanese applied for admission at the immigration bureau today, and all were rejected under the contract labor clause. The officers being satisfied that the Japanese are under contract to work at Barstow.

HEART DISEASE IN FAMILY.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—Alexander Nicholson died here on Saturday of heart disease, and his brother Henry of Marlton succumbed today to the same disease.

SILVER BY CARLOAD

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—A carload of silver, valued at \$15,000, was shipped from the Hanson Consolidated mine to Omaha today.

FARMER FREEZES TO DEATH

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Stanley Camrite of Prince Edward county, a farmer, was found frozen stiff. He had been cutting cordwood.

GAS FOR BRANDON.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 27.—Messrs. Eaton and Spring of the International Lighting & Heating Company, Beatrice, Neb., have secured a 30-year contract to supply gas to the city. They will erect a \$100,000 plant.

KING OSCAR'S CONDITION.

Stockholm, Dec. 27.—The bulletin issued today by King Oscar's physician says the King remains free from fever. His temperature was 98.4. The condition of his heart and lungs is unchanged.

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Lawrence Roberts is Rescued and Revived by the Transfer Crew

VESSLS IN DISTRESS AND LIFE SAVERS BUSY

Japanese Liner Goes On Rocks, and All Passengers Are Landed

London, Dec. 27.—A terrific gale is raging tonight off Holyhead, and a number of vessels are in distress. The life-saving services are busy. The Japanese liner Awa Maru, from Antwerp for Middlesbrough, ran on the rocks off Redcar. Lifeboats reached her after great difficulty. According to the latest reports almost all her crew of 100 and 22 passengers on board of her were landed safely. It is not yet known whether any lives were lost.

LEBERG LYNCHED

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 27.—Lawrence Leberg was lynched at Las Animas tonight by a mob of masked men. He murdered a farmer, and a previous attempt to lynch him failed.

TROUBLE IS OVER

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 27.—All the troops stationed at Seob, the scene of the recent race troubles, returned this afternoon in charge of Governor Vardaman, who went there last night to make a personal investigation of the situation. Apprehension of further trouble is passed.

FALLS ASLEEP IN BOAT AND FREEZES TO BOTTOM

Lawrence Roberts is Rescued and Revived by the Transfer Crew

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 27.—Lawrence Roberts, better known along the waterfront as "Shorty," was picked up by the Transfer, near Cotton Wood Point yesterday morning, frozen to the bottom of his boat. When the captain of the Transfer first noticed the skiff, it was drifting round and drifting just where the current chose to take it. He trained his glass upon the boat and discovered that there was an object which looked like a man lying in the bottom of it. He steered the Transfer alongside, and found Shorty lying apparently dead in the bottom of the skiff. The crew hauled him on board after having hauled away the ice which held him fast to the bottom of the boat. At first they thought the man was dead. They took him into the engine room and placed him on the fire, removed his clothes and rubbed him vigorously. Soon the victim murmured "Washer masher, 'm a right, 'ish it time er get up." The rubbers then knew just what was what and managed to get a little liquor between the man's lips. In the boat, which they hauled aboard, they found three whiskey bottles, one with a little liquor in it, and the other empty. The man was brought to town and handed over to the police, in whose safe keeping he is at present.

Shorty left the city in his skiff on Christmas afternoon, and was seen for the last time prior to being picked up, above the Fraser river bridge, pulling for the other side.

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WOMAN IS VICTIM OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Wife of Prominent New York
Physician Locked Up With
Tough Characters

New York, Dec. 27.—With the arraignment and dismissal in the appeal court today of Mrs. Alexander Trautman, the wife of a prominent physician on a charge of larceny came the final act of what is believed to be one of the most deplorable cases of mistaken identity in the police history of this city.

Mrs. Trautman was arrested on Fifth avenue on Christmas eve on complaint of Peter Hogan, a salesman, who accused her of having robbed him of \$13, a few evenings before. Hogan said the woman had accosted him on the street, had invited him into a dark hallway and that when he left he learned that the money, which had been in his pocket was missing. Mrs. Trautman protested her innocence but the policeman, upon whom Hogan had called to arrest her, took her to the station house. The arrest of the fashionably dressed woman on the crowded street attracted a great crowd which followed the officer and his prisoner.

At the station house Mrs. Trautman again tearfully protested that she was a victim of a terrible mistake and gave the sergeant in charge the name of her husband and several friends who she said would substantiate her story. None of these could be reached immediately by telephone, however, and Mrs. Trautman was taken to a cell, where she was forced to spend several hours in the company of half a dozen dissolute women, who had been arrested on various charges. At that time friends of Mrs. Trautman had been notified of her predicament and had hurried to the station house to procure her release. They protested against the arrest as an outrage, but were informed that it would be necessary for them to furnish bail before she could be given her liberty. Bail to the amount of \$1,000 was furnished and Mrs. Trautman was taken to her home.

When she appeared in the police court Christmas morning Hogan, the accuser, was there to press the charge. He said he was certain that he could not have been mistaken. He declared he had followed Mrs. Trautman for several blocks observing her closely and was satisfied before he caused her arrest that she was the woman who invited him into the dark hallway.

The case has attracted very wide attention not only on account of the high standing of the Trautmans in this city and the south, whence Mrs. Trautman came, but because of a realization of the danger to which any innocent woman may be subjected. It has been shown that under the present conditions in this city, no woman, of whatever standing may be safe from positive humiliation similar to which Mrs. Trautman has been exposed.

BETTER AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Collections at the port of Toronto for the calendar year just ending will amount to over \$10,000,000. This will be \$500,000 over last year and \$1,000,000 over 1904.

BOY KILLS STEPFATHER.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26.—With money he had saved to give his mother a Christmas gift, Henry Steble, 16 years old, bought a revolver with which he shot and fatally wounded his stepfather, Henry Brinker, 44 years old, yesterday. According to the boy, his stepfather had threatened to kill his mother, and he bought the revolver to protect her. Yesterday Brinker attacked his wife with a hatchet, and the boy pulled the revolver from his pocket and fired five shots. Three of the bullets entered the man's chest just below the heart, and two entered his neck below the chin. The boy was arrested.

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MURDERS HIS BROTHER.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—Elbert Conklin, a stonemason, was shot and killed last night at his home here by his brother Melvin. They had quarreled over property matters. Melvin Conklin came to Elbert's home Wednesday night and called him to the door, and wounded him with a charge from a shotgun. He then pursued him into his bedroom and fired another charge into his abdomen, killing him instantly. Mrs. Elbert Conklin ran from the house in terror and Melvin fired a shot at her slightly wounding the woman in the arm. Melvin is under arrest and appears to be insane or bordering on insanity.

NEGLECT IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Citizens by the hundreds are being summoned by the civic authorities for the sin of omission in connection with the by-laws which call for clean sidewalks and leafless trees. One hundred were fined yesterday and another lot of one hundred summonses were issued today in the same connection.

"THE OLD SCRATCH."

How the Evil One Came to Be Popularly Known as "The Old Scratch."

One of the many familiar names of his satanic majesty is "The Old Scratch." It is undoubtedly due to the fact that scratching is so disagreeable that people thought of the devil as the evil one. A scalp full of dandruff keeps one scratching all the time; not only disagreeable but considered very inelegant in polite society—as it should be—because one ought to keep the scalp so clean that it would not itch. To cure the scalp of dandruff effectively, use Newbro's Herpicide. It kills the germ that creates the dandruff which is preliminary to falling hair, and, finally, baldness. No other hair preparation kills the dandruff germ. Herpicide also is a very delightful and effective hair-restoring. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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RENDERS JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF COAST

Traffic Officer of the Freight Rate
Commission Submits His
Opinion

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 27.—Secretary of the board of trade received a lengthy type written opinion of J. Hardwell, traffic officer of the Board of Freight Rate Commissioners for Canada on the subject of Vancouver east-bound vs. Winnipeg westbound C. P. R. freight rates. The whole subject is dealt with exhaustively. The part most intelligible to the general public is contained in a summary by Mr. Hardwell which reads as follows:

"I would advise—
(A)—That with regard to its freight rates the company's lines between Vancouver, B. C. and Calgary, Alberta, be placed in the relative position with respect to its line between Winnipeg and Calgary that exist immediately prior to the passage of the act 40-61, Victoria chapter 5, commonly known as the Crow's Nest Pass agreement."

"(B)—That the freight rates of the company's lines between Revelstoke, B. C. and MacLeod, Alta, bear the same relation to the rates of its line between Winnipeg and Calgary, as do the rates of its line between Vancouver and Calgary, aforesaid having regard to the order of the board No. 1947 dated Nov. 9, 1906, in the matter of the application of the board of trade of Kaslo, B. C. that for this purpose the line between Yale, B. C. and MacLeod via Arrowhead and Kootenay landing be considered as one section and the maximum mileage that via Calgary where-where the distance via Calgary is less than the distance via Kootenay landing."

"(C)—That commodity rates be established from Vancouver to Calgary and MacLeod at intermediate points on the same articles as have been accorded commodity rates from Winnipeg under the aforesaid Crow's Nest Pass agreement and that such rates be calculated in accordance with clauses A and B."

"(D)—That to points between Vancouver and Calgary, MacLeod and in the Kootenays for commodities from the east, carried all rail under transcontinental rates, no rates be made lower than the sum of eastern rates to Vancouver and the rates from Vancouver to the destination."

"I think this should cover the ground. Clause 'D' ought to prevent such rates as have been cited to Nelson, for instance, which are higher from Vancouver than from Winnipeg, for the Vancouver shipper will have the balance of the rate from Winnipeg to the coast in his favor."

"My sympathies are with the coast merchants who are restricted to the very limited markets of British Columbia, as geographically I look upon the Calgary and Edmonton road as the natural dividing line. The evidence submitted, however, is against it. Yet if my vis-à-vis approved the coast shippers will have much more favorable rates than heretofore."

"I am afraid I have not made all the points I have attempted so clear as should be the case, but it has been a very difficult subject to handle and has involved investigation and calculation to an unusual extent."

The Winnipeg board of trade has not yet had time, apparently, to pass upon this report. The complaint of the boards of trade of the British Columbia coast cities was that the natural dividing line between the spheres of influence of Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast cities should run through Calgary and MacLeod, and that the preponderant mileage which this would give the Winnipeg sphere should be "an ample setoff for any fancied or actual increase in the cost of operation of the mountain section over the Prairie section," and it would seem from the report that this contention, though personally approved by Mr. Hardwell, has not been justified by the finding adduced and a middle course has been suggested.

INDIANS MASSACRE PARTY OF MEXICANS

Band of Savage Yaquis Succeeds
in Taking a Few
Scalps

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—A special from Nogales, Mexico, today says: "Details are arriving here of the massacre of a party of Mexicans by Yaquis Indians, near Valencia, sixty miles below Guaymas. Eleven Mexicans and one American were killed. From all accounts there were over a hundred Indians in the attacking party."

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Col. H. B. Maxson, vice-president of the national irrigation congress and secretary of the board of education of Reno, Nev., who has been spending the past few weeks in the state of Sonora, Mexico, arrived here yesterday with a graphic story of a massacre of Mexicans and Americans which occurred at the little town of Lancha, on the Cananea river and Pacific railroad, last Saturday afternoon.

According to the statement of Col. Maxson, his train stopped an hour at Lancha. While there rumors were received that the Yaquis were on the warpath, and that the few people in the little town of Lancha were in danger. The station master, a man named Thompson, belittled the matter, and said he and his wife would remain at their posts. The train bearing Col. Maxson and party had not left the station for more than an hour when the Yaquis descended on the little party of Mexicans and Americans and murdered four of them.

Thompson and his wife had defended themselves back of the barred doors of the station until a work train appeared, when the Indians withdrew. The train bearing Maxson and party continued to a station about 15 miles further along the line, and then as the signs of the uprising became more alarming the party decided to return. The train started back towards Lancha, and when it arrived there the station house had been burned and demolished and the four bodies lay alongside the track.

The party stopped a few minutes in

hope that survivors might be found and taken to a place of safety. While the train was at the ruins of the station the desperadoes appeared in the distance, but did not come within range of the few armed people on the train. Not many miles along the road the scene was duplicated. Four more dead bodies of Mexicans and Americans were discovered along the tracks. The little band at the station had been able to repulse the attack of the Yaquis with the loss of four of their number.

The remaining members of the company refused to leave on the train, but said they could stand off the Indians until the next day, when the rural corps would reach the spot and summary justice would be meted out to them.

LABORERS IN WRECK

New York, Dec. 27.—A street car struck and overturned a truck filled with homebound laborers in Harlem today. One of the laborers was killed outright and three others injured, two of them perhaps fatally.

NO WOOD SHORTAGE

But Dealers Advise Household to Order Supply Early

There is a certain shortage of wood in some of the private houses of the city, but the dealers state it is caused by people's own carelessness. "They put off ordering even a load until the very last moment," said a dealer last night, "and everyone wants to get his wood in a hurry. Of course there is very little cold weather in Victoria, but it would be just as easy for people to get in their winter's supply before the rush comes, or even in the summer and then there would be no complaints."

"The statement that there is not enough fuel in city woodyards is without foundation. There is an ample supply; but too many orders come in for the sawing machines to handle. If people are short it is their own fault." Inquiry up the E. & N. railway brought forward a similar statement. "As far as we know there is no shortage," said a freight official. "We are taking all the wood offered and bring it promptly to the city. There has been no complaint made to us by the dealers."

A TORONTO MAN TRIES SOMETHING NEW AND IS DE- LIGHTED—FEELS LIKE A BOY.

Mr. M. N. Dufosse, Manager The Dustless Brush Co., 29 Colborne Street, Toronto, is telling his friends how he found health after years of illness and pain. He says:

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Sealed tenders will be received until the 23rd December, 1906, for that piece or parcel of land situate on the southeast corner of Johnson Street and Waddington Alley (having a frontage of 30 feet on Johnson Street, by a depth of 60 feet more or less) with good substantial brick building now rented as a store and cigar factory.

Tenders to be addressed to Messrs. McPhillips & Heisterman, Bastion Street, Victoria, Solicitors to the Vendors.

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SAYS HARBOR IS BEST ON COAST

City Is to Be Laid Out on the Most Approved Lines—Will Be Scene of Activity in the Spring

Eager eyes are turned towards Prince Rupert—Kaiaen Island—the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus—the "new country," writes Rosalind Watson Young, M. A., Assoc. M.L.M.E., in the B. C. Mining Exchange.

At Metlakatla, Simpson, Essington, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, there are crowds of people patiently awaiting the time when the official announcement will go forth, "The townsite is ready; you may come."

The indications are that when Prince Rupert city lots are placed on the market a mad rush, unparalleled in the history of the Pacific Coast, will ensue. To ensure the welfare of the city, strict measures regarding residence, improvement of property, class of building to be erected, will have to be enforced. Otherwise the city will be a prey to speculation.

The exact townsite has yet to be

Catarrh

To prove unquestionably, and beyond any doubt, that Catarrh of the nose and throat can be cured, I am furnishing patients through drugists, small trial boxes of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure. Do this because I am so certain that Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure will bring actual substantial relief. Nothing certainly, is so convincing as a physical test of any article of real, genuine merit. But that article must possess true merit, else the test will condemn, rather than advance it. Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure is a snow white, healing antiseptic balm, put up in beautiful nickel capped glass jars at 60c. Such soothing agents as Oil Eucalyptus, Thymol, Menthol, etc., are incorporated into a velvety, cream like preparation, imported by Dr. Shoop from Europe. If Catarrh of the nose and throat has extended to the stomach, then by all means also use internally. Dr. Shoop's Restorative, Stomach distress, a lack of general strength, bloating, belching, biliousness, bad taste, etc., surely call for Dr. Shoop's Restorative.

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are dotted with signals that have been used in hydrographic work. The soundings taken by G. B. Dodge, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, show that the entrance for a width of 2,000 feet has an average depth of one hundred feet. He has swept the entrance channel 36 feet deep at extreme low tide and found very few rocks. The difference between high and low tide is 25 feet.

J. H. Bacon, G. T. P. harbor engineer, knows a good thing when he sees it. He is now inspecting all the possible harbors, such as Port Simpson, Kitimat and Port Neville, decided in favor of Tuck's Inlet in October, 1903. A year later, when the directors of the G. T. P. company went over the same ground, they ratified his choice.

Kaiaen Island is wooded from the water's edge to the summit of the Oldfield range, which is, as it were, the backbone of the island, rising to its greatest height at 2,300 feet. Between the base of this range and Prince Rupert harbor there is a space approximately 7,000 feet wide. This is rolling ground and fit for townsite purposes. Level ground adjacent to the harbor yards has been located. Of the several streams Hays creek is the largest.

During the summer five survey parties have been engaged in the topographical work of Kaiaen Island. That number is to be doubled this winter in order to expedite work. The portion of the island contiguous to the present camp has been the first to be surveyed and plotted. From the contour map the most suitable site for a city will be selected. Thereupon a landscape engineer will be employed to lay out a model city. Then and not till then will it be possible to buy city lots. At the earliest it will be July, 1907, before property is placed on the market.

By the new year Prince Rupert will have electric light. The electricity will be conveyed three miles from Seal harbor, where it will be manufactured by the Tie & Timber company. As waste from the sawmill can be utilized to supply mechanical energy, it is estimated that Prince Rupert will at present be lighted more cheaply by the Tie & Timber company than if the G. T. P. company generated its own light.

The present dwellers of Rupert use rain water, of which there is a plentiful supply. As the town grows water will be derived, first from Hays creek, on the island, and later from Shawatians lake, the mainland, five miles distant. This lake would be ample to supply a city of ten thousand people. In the river which forms its outlet two falls occur, the upper being 50 feet high, and the lower 25 feet. At high tide the latter are scarcely visible. Falls 60 feet in height occur also in Hays lake. The survey party that discovered them was on the lookout for a higher lake, which would give more pressure as well as increased volume.

The local names of Kaiaen (bog) and Shawatians (much rain) suggest what are the climatic conditions. But as in many another place—Vancouver, for instance—the weather may not be as it is painted. There is reason to believe that Rupert is more favored than Simpson or Essington, because it is sheltered from the cold and wet winds blowing from the Skeena and the Naas rivers.

In view of the fact that hosts of people are thinking of making Rupert the place of residence, a meteorological office should at once be established so that the truth concerning the weather may be ascertained.

During the past summer, out of 148 days there were 79 in which no rain fell. From May 7 to September 30 only eight days in survey work were lost.

Enough near the water's edge, the forest growth is scrubby, back a bit there is good timber. Red and yellow cedar, spruce and balsam are the principal varieties. Both cedar and spruce are of superior size.

At Seal harbor, on Kaiaen Island, a sawmill has been built by the Tie & Timber company. The mill is now in operation. The purpose of substituting the mill for the sawmill is the end of this year. While the principal output of the mill will be railroad ties, other lumber also will be manufactured. The timber limits of this company are not adjacent to the mill, but in the neighborhood of Observatory Inlet.

The situation of the mill is most pleasing. It is situated on a site that is a picturesque cove should be given over to manufacturing purposes.

The first glimpse of the "new city" discloses a wharf, then smoke issuing from the tops of trees, then a cluster of tents. Later the lodging and boarding-houses, succeeded by Indian, Japanese and Chinese quarters, come into view. The lodging house is a two-story building, 20x40 feet. On the ground floor are eight rooms, for the use of engineers and surveyors. One of these is a large living room, whose special attraction is a huge fireplace and log fire. How welcome the cheerful blaze must be after a day's hard work in moss and undergrowth. Twelve corner seats, camp chairs, a long table covered with reading matter and comfort to the place. Upstairs is a bunk room for the men.

The boarding house, 26x40 feet, is likewise two-story. On the second floor there are a draughting office and a storeroom. When the new messhouse, 30x50 feet, has been completed, this boarding house will be better equipped for the use of transients for whom heretofore there has been no accommodation.

At right angles to the waterfront a plank sidewalk 12 feet wide has been laid 275 feet. Along this street before winter is over eleven buildings will be erected. These will comprise two stores, a hospital, a messhouse and residences for officials of the company. The hotel designed by Rattenbury will be built on the shore, some distance from the harbor and some distance from the present temporary structures.

When J. H. Pillsbury, assistant harbor engineer, arrived in May, 1906, with 17 men, there was not even a clearing on Kaiaen Island. By June the first building was completed. In October Mr. Pillsbury had 77 men employed—12 Indians, 18 Japanese, 7 Chinese and the remainder whites. In addition to the 17 men, were J. Moore, his wife and his railroad survey men; J. B. Dodge's hydrographic party, and the Tie & Timber company's men.

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There are four passes by which the Grand Trunk Pacific might come through the Rocky mountains, viz., the Peace, Pine, Wapiti and Yellow Head. Choke has been made in favor of the Yellow Head, altitude 3,256 feet. Thence to the coast a water-grade can be procured by following the Fraser, Nechaco, Bulkley and Skeena rivers. With the exception of the short line along the slow-flowing Nechaco, the whole route will be a low grade. The railway will reach Edmonton in 1908, and be completed to the coast, it is expected, by 1911.

If Prince Rupert is not a great city in 20 years, as great as any on the Pacific coast, then I fail to read the future right.

Railroad construction will be followed by the development of the mineral, timber and agricultural lands of middle British Columbia, and by the growth of manufactures.

The Queen Charlotte Islands, of untold wealth in fish, timber, minerals and coal, are only 80 miles from Prince Rupert. At Ketchikan is the base of supplies for Prince of Wales Island, and will Rupert be the supply point for Queen Charlotte, an archipelago of 6,000 square miles.

Prince Rupert will also be the distributing point for the goldfields of Northern British Columbia and the Yukon.

The Oriental trade is in its infancy. In conjunction with the G. T. P. transcontinental railway a Pacific steamship service will be inaugurated. As the race is to the swift, the Grand Trunk Pacific company will become a dangerous competitor in the bidding for the world's traffic. For, mark you, the distance from Yokohama to Prince Rupert via the Pacific is 10,735 miles. It is approximately 400 miles shorter than from Yokohama to Vancouver or Seattle, and 600 miles shorter than to San Francisco. Further, when Hudson Bay becomes the trade route, which it eventually must become, the journey from Yokohama to Liverpool via Prince Rupert and Hudson Bay will be a couple of thousand miles shorter than the shortest existing route.

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Yokohama-Liverpool via Prince Rupert and Moncton (G. T. P.), 9,329 miles.

Yokohama-Liverpool via Mediterranean, 11,200 miles.

MINING INDUSTRY IS ON SOUND BASIS

J. B. Hobson Gives Government Credit for Bringing About Stable Conditions

J. B. Hobson, manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining company, has returned to Victoria after spending the summer and fall months directly supervising operations in connection with that property.

Mr. Hobson, interviewed yesterday, declined to make any statement for publication respecting the work done upon that mine, or the probable output of the season. He explained that the Guggenheims, who recently took over the concern for which he is manager, require that all reports should first be made to the directors at their annual meeting. For the purpose of submitting this detailed information, he intended making a trip East in the course of a few days.

Although Mr. Hobson could say nothing in regard to the Consolidated Cariboo, he was not averse to discussing the mining situation generally. He said that a marked improvement was noticeable, and that the changes had taken place within the past couple of years. This, undoubtedly, was due, to a large extent, to the legislation introduced by the administration of Premier McBride. His steady hand upon the helm of the government had had the natural result. Before then capitalists looking upon British Columbia had regarded "Ore" as a thing of the future, and not a thing of the present. But things are so unsettled that investment is rather precarious. This sentiment had been altered. It was very different now. People with money were eager to come in and to assist in the exploitation of rich mines, which, hitherto, had been lying dormant.

Referring to mining in particular, he expressed the opinion that the rise in the value of all varieties of ore had resulted in a stimulation of the industry. But another, and a factor more potent in its influence than any other, was the fact that the Guggenheims, one of the largest and soundest mining institutions of the world, had entered the British Columbia field. That alone, he thought, was bound to encourage other investors and to result, generally, in giving those with capital confidence in the future of the Canadian West as a mining centre.

"As to British Columbia as a mining country generally," said Mr. Hobson, "why, I believe there is nothing like it. I have looked over the country for twelve or more years here, working up all the time, if I hadn't the utmost faith in the future of the country." He went on to say that there was every evidence that the trend of feeling had altered, and that the prospects were that British Columbia, from now on, would enjoy an ever-increasing share of the prosperity which was being experienced throughout the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

RUSSIAN NAVAL SCANDALS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A strong effort is now being made, with influential backing, to compel the authorities to make an enquiry into the naval scandal on the island, where J. Moore, his wife and his railroad survey men; J. B. Dodge's hydrographic party, and the Tie & Timber company's men.

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Bates Post is to appear at the Victoria theatre on Jan. 3, spent yesterday in the city.

Edward Carter, park constable regarding the whereabouts of his mother, Mrs. Ann Doolan or Crawford formerly of the Parish of Wicklow, Ireland.

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12th December, 1906.

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PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

A government that found the provincial finances disorganized, a large deficit to face and the province's credit sadly impaired in money circles, not because of any lack of confidence in the natural wealth of the country, but because of the uncertainty that had marked political conditions, is certainly entitled to a great deal of credit. This is the record of the present government.

Is there any man who can foresee what will happen, if the government is not sustained at the elections? One thing is certain. The next House will either be strongly Conservative, or it will be so badly divided that no one can tell with certainty what to expect. There is not the least reason to suppose that the Liberals can secure a working majority under any conceivable conditions that can arise between now and February 2nd. Any change is likely to disturb the existing excellent financial condition of the province. It cannot possibly improve it.

Why make a change?

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

In the interest attaching to the provincial elections the importance of the local municipal campaign ought not to be lost sight of. We observe that Mr. Paterson intends addressing the voters on municipal questions. We are glad of this. Hitherto there has been very little active interest taken in these elections. Usually they have been largely personal matters, and there would be a speech or two just before voting day, and at a time when nearly every one had already decided how to vote. Mr. Paterson proposes to go upon the public platform early in the campaign, and in that way place his views before the citizens. Mr. Morley was uncertain yesterday as to whether or not he would take this course. He ought to do so. He ought to let the voters know whether or not he has anything to say on municipal questions, which will entitle him to their support. We are simply telling the bald truth when we say that he has kept the city in a turmoil ever since he sat in the civic chair. Of itself this would not be so objectionable, if the turmoil meant progress, but it has not. We are just where we were in municipal matters twelve months ago, and there is not the least reason to suppose that we will be any further advanced in twelve months from now, if Mr. Morley is again elected.

The questions involved in the municipal campaign are as important in their way as those involved in the provincial contest, and they should be discussed with the same freedom as characterizes the discussion of provincial matters. Therefore we repeat that we are glad that Mr. Paterson intends to meet the voters in at least one public meeting. Every one will be the better for enlightenment upon civic matters and for a full expression of views from such a practical business man as he is.

TIMBER LICENCES.

Our friend, the News of New Westminster, objects to the policy which makes the issuing of timber licenses a matter of routine. Our contemporary does not say exactly what it would like, but it asks us if we "forget that what would be a fair and just rental and royalty on one tract of timber would be a low rate on another, and an exorbitant rate upon still another?" From this it may be assumed that the News would have the government fix rentals and royalties at its own sweet will from time to time, as applications for timber licenses are made. Our contemporary can hardly have given the matter much consideration, or it would never have taken such an extraordinary position. Such an arrangement would, in the first place, call for a complete departure from the principle, happily common to all British countries, of having one law applicable to all people. Suppose for a moment that the McBride government had introduced a Bill into the House authorizing the Chief Commissioner to fix rentals and royalties at such figures as might seem to him just, would the News not have said, and have said very properly, that such a measure would put into the hands of the government powers that ought not to be entrusted to any one? We think it would have said so. We think it would have protested in its very forcible way against such a violation of the true principles of legislation. The News is very well acquainted with a gentleman, who once held a seat in the legislature. Will it oblige us by saying if that gentleman ever advocated, or if he now advocates, the conferring of such powers upon any minister?

In the second place, the expense attending such an arrangement would make it impracticable, even if it were justifiable. The News must know that the Land Department has no means of ascertaining what a particular piece of timber land is worth. It would have to send out its cruisers to examine it, which would keep scores of high-priced men in the field all the time. A good

timber cruiser expects to get \$10 a day and his expenses. Probably there are several hundred applications for licenses running at the same time all the year round, and therefore it would cost the government several thousand dollars per day to get the material upon which to form an estimate of how much royalty one tract should pay more or less than another. In the meantime there would be delay, dissatisfaction and confusion. The News ought to know that the people of the province would not submit for a day to any such nonsense, and yet it urges the absence of such an arrangement as one of the reasons why the McBride government should be defeated. The only just way in which to administer the public domain is to pass a general law, which all men can understand, and allow it to be administered as a matter of routine, except when some exceptional circumstances arise.

"A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT."

Yesterday morning the Colonist asked its evening contemporary to inform the public as to Mr. Templeman's attitude in regard to the case of the province for better terms, as presented to the Interprovincial Conference by Mr. McBride. Last night it told us that Mr. McBride had "precipitately retreated from the conference when he foresaw the possibility of a satisfactory solution." As this is the only reply that has been vouchsafed, we assume that we do Mr. Templeman no injustice when we say that he regarded the offer of \$100,000 a year for ten years as a "satisfactory solution" of claims based upon "conditions of a permanent nature," to quote the resolution unanimously passed by the legislature in 1905, a resolution drawn by the Leader of the Opposition. The official story of the Conference, which both the Victoria papers have printed, shows that Mr. McBride did not withdraw from the conference until after that body had refused to accept the proposal for the appointment of a commission, and until after the resolution offering the province the pittance above mentioned had been moved. The only thing in sight, when he withdrew, was \$100,000 a year for ten years. This we are to understand would have been, in the opinion of the Minister of Inland Revenue, the representative of British Columbia in the Dominion Cabinet, "a satisfactory solution." We now know where Mr. Templeman and the Liberal Party stand. This small sum, not equal to the gain in revenue from single departments of the local government, is in their opinion "a satisfactory solution" of claims arising out of conditions, which Sir Wilfrid Laurier in addressing the Conference said "created exceptional difficulties, which ought to be taken into consideration." This attitude, which must assume Mr. Templeman takes, for it is the attitude of the newspaper which he owns and for whose utterances he is responsible, is all the more important to be generally understood, in view of the fact that Mr. McInnes is to be sent into the political arena. The demands of the province, reasonable though they are, will not be conceded, because, if they are, Quebec will insist upon a further addition to her revenue from Dominion sources. Therefore a party must be put in power in British Columbia, which will be more tractable than the McBride ministry, and in order to accomplish this result every effort of which the Ottawa machine is capable will be made. Quebec will not consent to justice being done British Columbia, and as Quebec must be kept in line, if the Laurier ministry is to remain in power, it is necessary to get the British Columbia case settled upon some basis to which Quebec cannot in any conscience take exception. The Ottawa government knows perfectly well that no Conservative government in British Columbia will ever accept the sum offered by the Conference, but Messrs. Templeman, Macdonald, McInnes and the others, for whom the Times speaks, regard it as a "satisfactory solution," and therefore no means will be left untied that will place them in control of the local legislature.

WHY MAKE A CHANGE?

It is for the members of the provincial Opposition to show reasons why the people should withdraw their confidence from the administration. They have not yet attempted to do so. The Liberal papers have contented themselves with the reiteration of a phrase, which seems to be Mr. J. A. Macdonald's sole contribution to the politics of British Columbia. It is a phrase for which there is absolutely no warrant in fact, but it is being worked to death just the same. The Colonist does not propose to leave the Kalien Island matter undiscussed, because it feels confident that the conduct of the government in the premises will be approved of by the great majority of the people of the province. It has paid no attention to what the Opposition papers have said during the last six months, for the reason that it does not think it desirable to defend the government from the chatter of a lot of journalistic gossips. But the bargain made by the government with the Grand Trunk Pacific is one of the most prominent acts of the administration and being a proper subject of criticism, this paper will, during the campaign, take occasion to state fully why it believes the course pursued by the government was in the best interests of the province. Friends of the administration and all others, who believe that it is for the welfare of the province of British Columbia that Mr. McBride should be given the support of the electorate at the forthcoming election, need have no fear as to what the opinion of the public will be when this case is presented upon its merits, and

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the retailers of idle gossip are brought face to face on public platforms with all the facts. Yet this is the only thing upon which the Opposition lay any stress whatever. Upon this they harp daily. Because Mr. Macdonald was able to devise a form of expression which tickled the fancy of his political friends, they think the people of British Columbia will come to the conclusion that he is the one man in the province, who is fit to be entrusted with the administration of affairs. But they are not so certain about this that they are willing to rest their case upon Mr. Macdonald's facility of phrasing-making. They must have other assistance, and for this reason Mr. McInnes is being brought into the field. We have been told that the latter gentleman has been a great success in the Yukon. We have been told that he hardly reached Skagway before the beneficent light of his pleasant countenance began to shed prosperity all over the North Land. For once the right man had been discovered for the right place. A somewhat critical public might have wondered how he had managed to conceal about his person all these years, the wonderful administrative ability, which he was alleged to have disclosed all of a sudden; but as things seemed to be getting along pretty well in the Yukon, no one on the outside took the trouble to look into the matter and discriminate between what the Commissioner was entitled to credit for, and what would have come about any way. But let us admit, for the sake of the argument, everything that his warmest friends can claim for Mr. McInnes as an administrator; this makes his re-entry into the political life of British Columbia only the more inexplicable. Surely if the Ottawa government needed a capable man anywhere, they needed him in Dawson. Yet Mr. McInnes is taken from the field, where he is alleged to have been supremely useful, and thrust into provincial politics. The case of the party, which calls for such a remedy, must be a desperate one, and the action of the Dominion government in placing Mr. McInnes in the field can only be understood as a distinct expression of want of confidence in Mr. Macdonald.

Under these circumstances, why should the voters of British Columbia wish to have a change of administration? Why should they extend their confidence to a gentleman in whom his own party has so little faith as a leader that it drags a Dominion official from a high office and sends him into the political arena? We think that the vast majority of the voters will take Mr. Macdonald at the value that the leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada have put upon him. They have concluded that he is unequal to the task of conducting a campaign. Why should the people of British Columbia think him equal to the task of conducting a government?

In a day or two we shall know who expects to be who in 1907, and there will be a chance to guess who will be disappointed.

A very foolish paper talks of a Conservative-Socialist alliance, although it knows perfectly well that no such thing exists. The only ally of the Socialists is the paper that constantly talks of its comrade Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

Mr. McInnes, senior, occupied Government House at Victoria, and it was burned down. Mr. McInnes, junior, occupied Government House at Dawson, and it was burned down. McInneses in government houses will hereafter be regarded as "extra hazardous."

John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, is paid a salary of \$250,000 a year by the Guggenheims. He is probably worth it. He cannot see any further into a rock than any other man, although his judgment as to the prospective value of a mine may be exceptionally good. His real value to his employers is in his reputation. His name carries great weight with it among investors. Many a man may be just as capable as he, but Mr. Hammond has been in the lime-light for a long time, and always in connection with great enterprises.

The Nelson News attacks the government for fixing the royalty on timber at 50 cents a thousand superficial feet, for twenty-one years, upon all logs cut from land held under timber license. It is astonishing that the News should make such a statement. It has only to read the statute passed under the direction of Mr. Green to see that the contrary is the case. The royalty can be increased at any time the legislature shall so decide. The value of timber licenses under the present law does not consist in the fixity of the royalty, and rental, but in the permanence of tenure.

The manner in which the government of Saskatchewan grappled with the fuel famine is worthy of notice. It caused a circular to be issued to mayors, coal merchants and others inquiring as to the supply of coal on hand, which was tabulated in the form of a bulletin and sent to Ottawa, and the Department of Labor was urged to take the matter up. Then the provincial premier set to work to see that cars were supplied by the railway companies. It is a good thing to see Canadian governments realizing that their first duty is to see that nothing is left undone to promote the welfare of the

people, even if in so doing they must step beyond the line, which has hitherto been taken as one of demarcation between matters political and business transactions.

Riley and the dredge, Templeman and the lifeboat. McInnes and a patrol steamer. Nothing short of a whole fleet will do next time.

That was a pretty picture of the two gentlemen, which the Times had on its first page yesterday. It is pretty safe to infer that the portraits are moveable, and that the smiling face in the lower right hand corner can easily be moved around to the place of greater honor.

A motion to increase the salary of United States congressmen from \$5,000 to \$7,500 was recently defeated in the House of Representatives. Yet there is hardly room for doubt that the members of Congress, with very few exceptions, spend a great deal more money than they get as salary. It seems folly to underpay public officials and yet expect them to keep from supplementing their incomes in ways that will perhaps not bear investigation. Many congressmen, who were lately interviewed by the newspapers, said that they had a great struggle to keep out of debt. A man in debt is the wrong kind of man to occupy a position of responsibility.

It appears that Mr. McInnes has just returned to Ottawa from New York and has decided to throw his hat into the provincial arena. It will be remembered perhaps, that Mr. McBride went to New York after the inter-provincial conference, and a certain contemporary has never tired of reminding the public of that fact. Therefore we feel free to ask it why Mr. McInnes went to New York before definitely deciding to enter provincial politics. We say frankly that the question never would have occurred to us if it had not been for the persistent reiteration of our contemporary that Mr. McBride went to the great American city. Come neighbor, why did Mr. McInnes go to New York? Had his visit anything to do with the coming campaign? There are many people who live in New York and some of them would be very glad to be consulted in regard to British Columbia politics.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

CHILDREN AND THE LAW.

The bill introduced into the Senate a few days ago by the Secretary of State respecting juvenile delinquents, will, if made law, completely revolutionize the method of dealing with young people accused of criminal offences, and bring Canada into the front rank of those countries that are seeking to save children from criminal and independent careers. Instead of dealing with offenders as criminals, this new legislation refers to the offences of children under sixteen as "delinquencies," and absolutely prohibits them being dealt with through the ordinary police court and jail. Provision is made for one or more juvenile courts in each county, for detention homes, or shelters, and for probation officers who shall seek to reform children in their own homes by securing the co-operation of parents, philanthropists, priests, etc., by securing employment and by various other means preventing the child from relapsing into further wrongdoing.

An important provision is that all persons who aid, abet or in any way encourage children to do wrong are liable to arrest and prosecution, and it is feared that through this provision alone an immense amount of good work will be accomplished. The failure of a parent or guardian to properly maintain and support his family is made an indictable offence and unless fathers go to work and support their children they will be brought before the juvenile court and committed to the penitentiary.

As an additional provision for the protection of young people it is set forth that each province will be expected to pass a law providing for juvenile court judges, children's shelters and probation officers, the details of the system being entirely in the hands of the provincial governments.

—Mauldoba Free Press.

SUCH LEGISLATION IMPOSSIBLE.

Appropos of the proposal made to the government by some of the coast sawmill owners that legislation be adopted making it compulsory on holders of timber licenses to cut a certain amount annually, the request comes from a certain class of individuals who, oblivious of everything except their own gain, would by selfish means, upset the whole of the commercial field and cause the commencement of the total downfall of the timber industry of British Columbia. We are quite aware that the scarcity of logs has considerably worried mill owners in general, but to take such drastic measures as some have suggested, would have the opposite result than that anticipated. If these men would think a few moments and see how they would be affected themselves if this legislation asked for was adopted, it will be plainly seen how such a scheme would do immense harm to the whole of the industry. There are many thousands of acres of timber under license, and if such a law was passed as has been suggested, the only natural result would be that the large holders of timber would be forced to build their own mills to protect themselves, and with small mills springing up all over the country. The large concerns themselves would still be at a loss to get logs and thus the whole enactment would be a mere boomerang. Logs are not in such quantities as would keep a large number of mills going and the inevitable result would be that the lumber industry of the province would materially suffer and possibly a large quantity of suitable timber would be cut unnecessarily in order to fulfill the requirements of the law and the depletion of our forests would be infinitely greater than at present, and what these very mill owners themselves have been crying out against so loud, the wasteful destruction of timber would be the result.

Needless to say that the majority of lumbermen would not agree to the proposals and the government themselves would never take such a step that would jeopardize the whole of the British Columbia markets and bring down the wrath of the thousands of those who derive their living from handling those who derive their living from the handling of timber. — Revelstoke Mail-Herald.

Annual Treat.—St. John's annual Sunday school prize distribution and Christmas tree is arranged for January 3. The teachers are busy preparing for this happy event, and they hope that the parents and friends of the school will send in their usual contributions at an early date.

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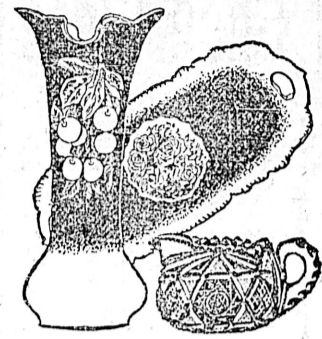
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LABOR PARTY ACTIVE

IN CIVIC POLITICS

Announced That Workingmen's Candidates Will Run In All Wards

The Victoria labor men hope to play an important part in the coming municipal elections. Already the organizers of the party are moving, and it is announced that when nomination day comes, labor candidates will be put forward for every ward in the city. The labor party in Victoria is said to be strongly organized this year, and the present activity marks its first movement in connection with the municipal elections.

Phil Smith, secretary of the Victoria West Municipal Association, said yesterday: "We are already making the first moves in connection with the coming elections, and before long will be hard at work. The labor party intends to take an active part in the municipal elections. Committees have already been appointed, and in every ward we are working for the nomination of strong labor candidates. In Victoria West we have already got two good men, and we expect to be able to get capable men from every one of the five wards to run for positions on the council in the coming elections."

It is estimated that there are in the city at the present time 5179 qualified voters. In detail the numbers in the different wards are as follows:

Ward	Property	House	Owners	Holders	Total
Ward 1	626	235	921	1179	2100
Ward 2	713	408	1121	1379	2500
Ward 3	586	365	951	1251	2202
Ward 4	512	286	798	1084	1882
Ward 5	830	390	1220	1610	2830
Total	3267	1784	5051	5179	10230

THE STAGE.

"Kerry Gow"

Joseph Murphy's play "Kerry Gow," was presented by Allen Doane and a capable company, at the Victoria theatre last evening. There was a fair attendance. As the hero, "Dan O'Hara," Mr. Doane was seen to advantage. His dialect possessed natural and pleasing brogue and was singing in exceedingly praiseworthy. On the whole the play was put on in an entertaining manner.

I. O. O. F. Meeting.—Business of importance will occupy the attention of Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting to be held this evening in the hall of the order on Douglas street. There will be conferring of degrees and a large attendance of members is asked.

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AUTO ENTHUSIASTS PLAN A CLUB HOUSE

Are Now Choosing Site and Will Erect Building Costing About \$5,000

A club at one of the many beautiful spots lying in the vicinity of Victoria, where the automobile and motorboat enthusiasts may gather in a social way during the summer months, is proposed by members of the local auto club. The project has been taken up seriously and with characteristic energy, and there is every indication that it will be carried through to a successful issue.

It is believed that it will be possible to find an admirable site at Albert Head. In the first place the run through Metehosin, from the standpoint of the automobile devotee, is one of the finest of the many beautiful landscapes to be enjoyed on the coast, and the view of Vancouver Island. The roads also are always in fairly good condition. Then it is not a long trip from the local harbor to Albert Head for any of the fast motorboats which are owned by residents of the city.

Building of Modest Dimensions

The intention is not to spend a very large sum of money on the enterprise at the outset. As far as can be gathered, the present club is willing to stand an outlay of some four or five thousand dollars on the building to be constructed. What they want now, they say, is a structure having one large room and a kitchen, provided with the equipment necessary for the refreshment of the sportsmen belonging to the organization in the course of their excursions through the different outlying sections of the country bordering upon the capital of British Columbia.

The Auto club was brought into existence only a year ago. Then its membership was eleven. Now it has been so augmented that there are forty-eight names upon the books, all of whom are in good standing, and what is more, every one an active member, the proud possessor of an automobile and a participant in all the varied outings which are constantly being arranged by the executive of the club.

Importing New "Machines"

With the addition of the motorboat owners to this membership the number should come very close to the hundred mark. New machines are being imported continually, it being possible at the time of writing to mention ten or twelve people who have ordered motors and who are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their purchases. One of those in this situation is Lieut.-Governor Dunsinuir. It is reported that he has a car valued at \$10,000 on the way from Italy.

On Christmas practically all the members of the club made a trip about the suburbs of the city. They went through Beacon Hill park, where a photographer was in attendance, to obtain a picture of the machines and their jubilant occupants. This will be used by H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria Development & Tourist association, as an inducement to the extreme mildness of the temperature in the favored capital of Canada's most westerly province in midwinter.

The management of the organization also has taken action towards having some of the roadways, especially those most attractive from a scenic standpoint, paved. It is understood a deputation waited upon Premier McBride yesterday with this object in view and received an assurance from him that everything in his power would be done towards meeting their wishes.

Tally-Ho Motor Car

A change in the management of the Victoria garage took place on the 24th inst. when Roy Troup disposed of his interest to John B. Hazard, of New York, who, with J. B. Woods, will continue the business. The new member of the firm is a recent arrival in the city having reached Victoria after spending two years touring Europe and Asia.

The new firm are expecting a large rush of tourists next season and are already making preparations for a big year and have placed an order for a large Knox waterless sight-seeing tally-ho, capable of carrying 25 passengers and running at a rate of 25 miles an hour. The order has been placed through the Broadway Automobile company of Seattle for the machinery and motor parts, while the body will be constructed in this city. It will be the largest motor car in British Columbia and will be very elegantly fitted up.

Besides this large tally-ho, the firm has ordered two of the finest cars ever imported to the city—model 1907 Wintons, which are said to be the very latest in automobiles. They will be capable of carrying six passengers and will be very elegantly fitted up, a minute with 60 horse power motors. Mr. Troup, the retiring member of the firm, will in future reside in Seattle where he has accepted a position.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Nanaimo vs. Victoria

At the Oak Bay grounds tomorrow afternoon two football games will be played. The soccer match will be contested by the Wanderers and the Victoria West teams, while on the rugby ground the Victoria and Vancouver teams will be trying conclusions. In order that the game may be finished before dark play will start at 2:30 o'clock sharp. The Victoria team will line up as follows: Full back, Patterson; three-quarters, Meredith, Anderson, A. Sutherland and H. Sargison; half backs, Newcombe and W. Sweeney; forwards, Barnacle, Lant, Shanks, L. Sweeney, Miller, Blackburne, Spencer, Bunne and O'Keefe.

Matches Tomorrow

The association football match at Oak Bay will start at 2:45 sharp and no time will be allowed for players who have not put in an appearance and an effort will also be made to get the referee there on time. A second match in the league series will be played during the afternoon at Work Point where the Y. M. C. A. and Fifth Regiment will meet. The team to represent the Wanderers will be as follows: Goal, Staden; backs, Goward, L. Sargison; half backs, Allison, Gowen, J. Lorimer; forwards, Peden, Fell, Schwengers, Hilliard and Todd.

Island vs. Mainland

It has been practically decided that the Island-Mainland match will take place on March 23, 1907, but as yet no arrangement has been made as to where the game will take place. Correspondence is now being carried on between the two associations and it is

very likely that some amicable arrangement will be arrived at. The teams to take part will be selected from the respective associations. At present no trophy is spoken of, and for this season at least the players will play for glory alone.

LACROSSE

Leaving Victoria

Lionel Yorkie who during the lacrosse season acted as coach and manager of the Victoria club will leave in a few days for Vancouver, where he will reside in future. Yorkie was engaged at the commencement of the season in order to coach the young players in the mysteries of the game. Very little progress was made however, owing to the lack of interest taken. What action will be taken next year it is impossible to say but it is practically certain that there will be no paid coach.

HOCKEY

Ready for Nanaimo

The members of the Victoria ladies hockey club will journey to Nanaimo tomorrow where they will meet the exponents of the game in that city in a return match. Since their recent defeat the Victoria ladies have done some hard practicing and although not over confident they hope to win. In the practice games that they have had since the last match the players have shown greater determination to work than previously and they realize that they must play hard tomorrow if they expect to come out on top. The team to represent the local club will be practically the same as when they met the Coal City players at Oak Bay but since then many of their shortcomings have been rectified and the team will be strengthened considerably.

Wanderers Hold Cup

Montreal, Que., Dec. 27.—The wanderers of Montreal defeated the Stanley Cup at the Arena tonight by 11 goals to 3.

STRONGLY ENDORSES

THE GOVERNMENT

W. S. Holland Cites Reasons Why McBride Administration Should Be Returned

"Business is good all over the province. The cities at the Coast are prospering as well as the smaller towns of the interior. That being the case, I do not think there is the slightest possibility of the McBride government being defeated at the coming elections."

W. S. Holland, general agent for several of the largest insurance companies doing business in British Columbia, made these remarks at the Driard hotel last night. He has just returned from an extended tour of the interior.

"The financial position has improved, the revenue is expanding, and under these circumstances what need is there for a change? I hope there will be none. The present administration is the best we have ever had, and the people generally realize it. Even in the Slokan country, that was somewhat dull when silver went down, is reviving. I believe it will soon be as prosperous as it ever was. Two big sawmills were opened in Kaslo recently; they employ quite a number of men. This rise in timber is helping out all over, and as present conditions were brought about by the McBride government, I feel sure it will stay in power."

An indication of the surety of election of Hon. Richard B. McBride in his old constituency, Dewdney, was given by one of the oldest residents of Mission City last night at the Dominion hotel. Henry Windebank, who has been staying in the city for a few days, had this to say: "I cannot imagine the slightest chance of Robert Jardine being successful in Dewdney. Everyone who votes for the Premier, will give him a bigger majority than before. If you will notice each election has made him more secure in his seat, and the coming one will clutch it."

Mr. Windebank, who has very large business interests on both sides of the Fraser, is well qualified to give an opinion. He leaves this afternoon to spend a few days in Seattle, but will be home about New Year to take part in the fight.

FORMAL FAREWELL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, called on Secretaries Root and Taft today and bade them farewell. The ambassador with his family will sail on Saturday on the Umbria.

BRYAN IS WILLING

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 27.—In an interview today, William J. Bryan virtually admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the Democratic national convention. "While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have not stated that I would not be a candidate. Such a high honor as the presidential nomination is something that no American citizen should decline."

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IT VARIED.

The late Judge Saunders, of North Carolina, was noted as an angler, but he had a poor memory as to the weight of the fish he had taken. On one occasion a friend, trying to entrap him, said, "Judge, what was the weight of that big catfish you caught the other day?"

The judge turned to his waiter and said, "Bob, what did I say the catfish weighed?"

"What time yesterday, boss—in de maw'n' at dinner or after supper?"

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CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS PLANS OF SUBDIVISION

And Transacts Various Other Civic Business of a Routine Nature

A matter which has been the cause of much worry for the past few weeks, and which has been responsible for not a few lengthy sessions, was settled at a meeting of the city council last night, when the final plans for the subdivision of the Fairfield Farm estate were accepted. Two sets of plans were submitted, both being similar to those which were rejected at the last meeting. The feeling was by no means unanimous in favor of their acceptance, and it was only by a narrow margin that they went through.

The rock on which the council and the surveyors nearly split was the continuation of George street. When the plans were rejected at the last meeting of the council, it was with the understanding that George street was to be continued, whereas, as shown on the plans, it was cut off short. At yesterday's meeting the surveyors, who were present, pointed out that it was impossible to continue the street, owing to the conformation of the other streets in that district. Some of the aldermen agreed, while others thought that with the sacrifice of a little land the street could be continued all right. The council had gone into committee to consider the plans, and when it arose a recommendation was passed to the effect that both plans be accepted as submitted.

Ald. Fell, however, offered an amendment to the effect that the plans be not accepted until due arrangement had been made for the continuation of George street.

The majority of the aldermen had, however, apparently had all that they wanted of the subdivision plans, and on a show of hands being called, it was found that the amendment had been killed. Those who voted for the acceptance of the plans were: Ald. Goodacre, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Hall, Ald. Vincent, Ald. Yates, Ald. Davey. The Mayor, Ald. Douglas, Ald. Fell and Ald. Fullerton voted for the rejection of the plans unless the wished-for alterations were made.

Routine Business

Two by-laws occupied attention. The first, The Sewer Connections by-law, was introduced by Ald. Vincent. This measure contains a list of the names of some one hundred and twenty persons, property owners and householders who have refused to obey the orders of the city engineer and to connect the premises either owned or occupied by them with the city sewerage system. It is proposed that the city avail itself of its rights as set forth in the Sewerage by-laws, and make the necessary connections, charging up all expenses to the owners.

Ald. Davey objected to the introduction of the by-law on the grounds that it was too late in the year to deal properly with the measure. His objection, however, was overruled, only Ald. Douglas standing by him when it came to a show of hands, and the by-law passed its second reading. It will be finally passed at the next meeting.

The amendments to the Building by-law introduced by Ald. Fullerton at the last meeting of the council were also read for the last time, and duly signed, sealed and delivered.

A letter was received from Hon. Templeman in reference to the delay in the granting of the letters patent for the water lots on Rock Bay to the city. Mr. Templeman wrote regretting very much that the delay should have occurred, and assuming that it must have been due to a misunderstanding between the city and the federal authorities. "If the matter is not settled in a month or two, do not fail to let me know," concluded Mr. Templeman, a request which caused Ald. Yates to ejaculate, "What! a month or two?" and to look as if he were not quite sure whether he was dreaming or whether the Hon. Mr. Templeman was joking.

J. L. Raynour, the city water commissioner, wrote calling the attention of the council to the advisability of petitioning the provincial legislature at its next sitting, for certain alterations in the Water Works act. Mr. Raynour pointed out that the municipality of Oak Bay was growing rapidly and that he had received many requests from residents of that district for permission to buy the city's water. He recommended that some arrangement be made by which the water could be supplied at the rate of six cents per gallon to the residents of the district. It was decided to leave the matter to the council of 1907.

A resolution from the finance committee, recommending the payment of \$34, being the cost of transferring a ledger to Darcy Island, was duly received and adopted.

Messrs. Crose & Crose wrote on behalf of a client, the owner of certain premises at 23 Fort street, lately condemned by the city engineer. It was stated that the property was about to be bought by a large contractor, who would tear down the buildings in question, and the council was asked not to force the present owner to go to the expense of demolishing the sheds. "Two weeks' time was granted for the present owner to get rid of his property, and for the buildings to be done away with."

George C. Mannix, who lives on the shores of Elk lake, wrote requesting the right to cut the hay on a strip of the lake shore between the water and the shore. He also requested permission to lay a water pipe from the lake to his house. Both petitions were referred to the water committee to report.

Weekly accounts to the amount of \$8,191.16 were passed.

Reports were received from the city assessor and the city engineer setting forth the estimated value of the property benefited by certain proposed new sidewalks. The sidewalks, which will be of cement, and of an enduring nature, are planned to be laid as follows: Gorge road, between Government and David streets; Caledonia avenue, between Douglas street and Blanchard

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN

LAMBLY.—At Fairview, on December 23rd, 1906, the wife of C. A. R. Lambly, a son.

MARRIED

BRANDRITH-SAUNDERS.—JOHNSTON.—At St. Saviour's church, Victoria, B.C., by Rev. C. E. Cooper, Montague Brandrith-Saunders, youngest son of the late Leslie Seymour Saunders, I. C. S. Commissioner of the Berrars, to May, eldest daughter of Mr. William Johnston, Fernichow, Craigflower district.

DIED

KENNEDY.—At Victoria on Tuesday, December 25th, 1906, the wife of P. C. Kennedy, of Winnipeg, of a daughter.

New Advertisements

(Too Late for Classification)

WANTED.—A smart boy about 16 or 17, for delivery and to be handy in store. 210 Cook street.

WANTED.—Stock of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company. Will pay \$50.00 per share premium. Apply at once, Dominion Trust Co., Ltd., 328 Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C.

avenue; Flisguard street, between Douglas street and Blanchard avenue; Cormorant street, between Blanchard avenue and Quadra street; Fort street, between Stanley avenue and Elford street; Elliott street, between Government and Douglas streets; South Turner street, between Simcoe street and Dallas road; Clarence street, between Simcoe and Niagara streets; Rithet street, between Menzies and South Turner streets; Michigan street, between Menzies and Government streets; Oswego street, between Quebec and Belleville streets; St. John street, between Kingston and Quebec streets.

G. F. Gibson, city comptroller of Vancouver, wrote, giving an account of a meeting in which delegates from the various municipalities of the Mainland were present, and at which a resolution in favor of the establishment of an Old Men's Home was unanimously passed. "It was resolved," read the resolution, "that the provincial government be petitioned to set aside a tract of land, which your petitioners respectfully request be located between New Westminster and Vancouver, and that a sufficient sum be placed in the first estimates for the establishment of such a home."

It was decided to write to the Vancouver council, recommending them to take a leaf from Victoria's book, and establish a home similar to the one located in this city. A cordial invitation is at the same time extended to the Vancouver aldermen to come over to Victoria and see how it is done.

PREMIER SCOTT MAY DIE.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 27.—Premier Scott's condition is very low. A crisis is expected today, and hopes of his recovery are small.

EMBEZZLES THOUSANDS

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—Frederick F. Boehm, formerly city passenger agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad at Niagara Falls, was arrested today on a charge of embezzling several thousand dollars from the railroad company.

U. S. OFFICERS UNEASY

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—In his annual report, Brigadier General William H. Carter, commander of the department of the lakes, speaks of a noticeable feeling of unrest among the officers of the regular army stationed within his department.

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Local News

Amherst shoes are solid leather.

School Trustees—The regular monthly meeting of the board of school trustees will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for the transaction of general business.

A Friendly Help Need.—The officers of the Friendly Help Association have issued a call for a baby carriage, one being urgently required to aid a family in distress.

Auxiliary to Missions.—The monthly meeting of the diocesan board of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions will be held at the Cathedral schoolroom this afternoon at 2:30.

K. of P. Social.—At tonight's meeting of the board of the K. of P. the social club will entertain the members and their friends with a magic lantern performance.

Annual Christmas Fete.—The annual entertainment of the Presbyterian Chinese mission will be held this evening in the Mission Hall, Government street, at 8 o'clock.

Mayor's Reception.—Mayor Morley on New Year's Day will hold a public reception at his residence between 2 and 6 p.m. Miss Goodall will assist the Mayor in receiving Mrs. Morley unfortunately being ill since early in December.

Will Sing Cantata.—The annual Christmas fete of the First Congregational Church Sunday school will take place in the Sunday school-room this evening. It promises to be a brilliant affair. Elaborate preparations have been made. There will be a splendid Christmas tree, Santa Claus will be in attendance, and there will be an abundance of good things for everyone. The children of the Sunday school will sing a cantata entitled "The First Christmas Eve."

The King's Daughters.—Owing to the order of service not having yet arrived, and for other pressing reasons, the memorial service to Mrs. Margaret Bottoms (the foundress of the order) has been postponed from Saturday next to Sunday, January 13. Further particulars will be furnished at an early date. Meanwhile all members of circles and individual members are asked to bear this date in mind, and to make a special effort to reserve the day now fixed and to attend the service.

For the Orphans.—Fifty-three little hearts at the Protestant orphanage have anxiously waited for today, and the wonderful Christmas tree, which only blossoms once a year, will bloom between the hours of 3 and 6. The children have prepared a most interesting programme, and it will be a cause of great satisfaction and thankfulness not only to the children, but to those in charge, to see as many friends as can conveniently spare the time on this important and happy occasion, and donations for the tree will be most thankfully received.

Sunday School Fete.—The annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment at St. Barnabas will be held on Friday, Holy Innocents' Day, in the schoolroom. Tea will be served to the children at 5 p.m. There will be a dramatic entertainment consisting of a juggler troupe and the events of Christmas Eve by members of the Sunday school. Prizes will be distributed to those who were successful at the annual examination, and the silver medal presented to the child who has gained the most marks during the year. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

The Braunstein Case.—Yesterday in the police court, the charge of obtaining goods valued at \$34 from N. Landsberg by false pretences, on which N. Braunstein, who recently carried on business as an auctioneer, was arrested, was further remanded until this morning. When the case was called, Gordon Grant, for the accused, asked that it be dismissed, as there was no evidence against his client. The witnesses for the prosecution had not appeared, it being understood that they wished to drop the prosecution since the money alleged to have been obtained by Braunstein had been refunded. Chief Langley asked that the case be adjourned until today, and subpoenas will be issued for the witnesses in the case. Application was made by Mr. Grant for bail on behalf of Braunstein, and bail was fixed at \$300, in two sureties of \$150 each.

Two championship games—for one admission, 25c. Rugby—Nanaimo Hornets vs. Victoria Association—Wanderers vs. Victoria West. Saturday, Oak Bay Park, 2:30 p.m. These will be two exciting games.

Prizes, Prizes, special discount for prizes at Victoria Book and Stationery Co., Limited.

For Your New Year's Pudding.—Steam it in one of our steamers. Tin steamers to fit 10-inch and 12-inch pots, 40c and 45c. Steamers with pins on fit to \$1.00. R. A. Brown & Co., 80 Douglas St. A dozen steps from Yates.

The B. C. Hardware Co., who purchased the business formerly carried on by Nicholls & Renouf are rushing the reconstruction and overhauling of the building with all possible speed, and they soon expect to be able to occupy their fine new store, which, when completed will be second to none in the city. While the new firm are making most extensive changes in their building and plans, they are making little or no changes in their staff. Mr. James Bell and his fellow helpers will be found in the store as usual to attend to the wants of their patrons.

Great Clearance Sale on today. All goods reduced. Now's the time to buy staples for spring. Robinson's Cash Store.

Bird Cages and Cutlery at Cheapside.*

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REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTED YESTERDAY

Though Market Reflects Holiday
Still Considerable Property
Changes Hands

Though there is somewhat of a lull in the real estate market owing to the holidays a number of properties continue to change hands. There are so many of such importance to report since Christmas, although the aggregate sum involved reaches a respectable amount.

Among the sales made by Pemberton & Son have been 3.36 acres at Shoal Bay, \$2,750; 4 acres at Mount Tolmie, \$1,400; 4 lots on Oak Bay avenue, \$1,400; 3 acres on Paul Bay road at \$1,000 per acre; lot at Oak Bay, \$300; 2 lots in Pearce estate, \$700; lot on North Pandora street, \$350 and a lot on Tennyson road, \$225.

McCart & Drysdale sold, within the past few days, 3 acreage areas in Saanich district for fruit farms and several lots in James Bay district. Yesterday the Dominion Real Estate exchange sold 2 lots on Camosun street.

The first extensive building operation for the new year will be the extension and addition to the building recently purchased by the Sylvester Feed Co., on Yates street. Hooper & Watkins have the plans almost ready and it expected that tenders will be called in less than a week. The present building will be lengthened 17 feet making 117 feet in all and the whole made a four-storey structure. This means another two storeys to the present portion.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new Pither & Leiser block, Catterall & Son have a good force of men busy on the remodeling and additions to the shaped block of Victoria street acquired a short time ago by David Spencer, Limited. It is expected the new building will be ready for roofing in a couple of weeks. The same firm is also proceeding with the extensive additions to the King Edward hotel and the remodeling of the hotel street occupied by the R. C. Hardware Co., at the corner of Yates and Broad streets.

Several extensive island timber deals are on the tapis. They embrace properties not only on both the east and west coast, but also the most available area in the northwest. All the local real estate agents report more inquiries than there are properties on the market, particularly for residential and fruit growing lands.

ADVOCATES DISTRICT EXHIBIT.

Local Merchant Has New Plan to Attract People From Northwest.

"The best way to bring the attractions of Victoria before the residents of the Northwestern provinces is to have a district exhibit of fresh fruits, flowers and vegetables at every fair in the Northwest, with a good man in charge," was the opinion expressed by a Victorian whose business makes it necessary for him to travel considerably through the Northwest and to visit practically every fair of any importance in that section of the Dominion. "Why," he said, "look how much good the British Columbia exhibit did at Winnipeg a year ago. There is no reason why a Victoria exhibit could not be sent to all the big fairs. My idea is to have an exhibit of the class of produce for which Victoria is now becoming famous, at Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Edmonton and Moose Jaw. Arrangements could be made with the Dominion Express company to send fresh goods through every day.

"If these arrangements could be made the exhibits could be kept fresh from the time they were placed in position till it was time to remove them, then they could be sold. I think it is an idea that should be taken up at once. I know very well that many will say it is too early to make a start in this direction; but that is what is keeping Victoria back—the people are slow to wake up and realize their opportunities. Nelson is already considering the advisability of doing exactly as I have suggested, and he knows if that city can do it, Victoria, the capital city of the province, should not be behind in getting to work.

"What would the exhibit consist of? Why, when the Winnipeg fair opens, the cherries are just ripe in Victoria; and there is no better fruit going than Victoria cherries. The same with flowers could be sent, with potted and cut flowers and the new vegetables just appearing on the market would also add to the exhibit. Cut flowers could be sent through in refrigerator cars, and would arrive in good condition, if they were properly attended to.

"As far as I can see there is no reason why Victoria should not receive a large increase in population through this venture, as, when the people of the Northwest see what we grow, they will be only too anxious to get out here. In my opinion Victoria has seen only a very small proportion of the home-seekers from the prairie provinces. The big rush will take place between the two summer seasons—when the summer hay has been cut and the fall wheat planted."

Hat Pins half price at the Bee Hive, 84 Douglas street.

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—AT—

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78 GOVERNMENT STREET

MAYOR'S RIGHT TO VOTE QUESTIONED

Short-Lived Sensation at Court
of Revision—Citizens Sum-
moned Fail to Appear

George A. Morphy, representing some
half dozen property holders of the city,
created quite a sensation at the session
of the court of revision yesterday morn-
ing by questioning the right of Mayor
Morley to occupy the position of chief
magistrate of Victoria.

Things had been going along quite
smoothly, when suddenly Mr. Morphy
arose. "I wish to register an objection,"
said he. "I have reasons for believing
that Mr. Morley's name has no business
on the voters' list, and that he is not
qualified to hold the position of mayor."

There was something like consterna-
tion among those present, and everyone
listened eagerly to hear what more Mr.
Morphy might have to say.

"I believe," continued Mr. Morphy,
"that Mr. Morley is not a British citizen.
Mr. Morley was once naturalized
as an American citizen, and voted in the
states of New York and California. I
am now in communication with the
courts in both those states."

"I may as well save Mr. Morphy any
more trouble on that score," replied the
Mayor, when Mr. Morphy had finished his
indictment. "I was an American
citizen once, but I have been a natural-
ized Canadian for some years now. If
Mr. Morphy searches the records at the
court house he will find the papers all
in good order."

It being well on to lunch hour, the
court adjourned at this stage to allow
Mr. Morphy an opportunity to look over
the books at the court house. When
the court again met, Mr. Morphy an-
nounced that, according to the records
he found that Mr. Morley had been re-
naturalized on May 4, 1902, and was
consequently now a British citizen in
good standing.

Mr. Morphy sprung another sen-
sation, although of a somewhat milder
sort, when he asked the city officials
of discrimination in making out the
voters' list. Mr. Morphy only cited one
case, that of Andrew Fairfull, and
wanted to know why his name did not
appear on the lists. Mr. Fairfull, he
alleged, was shown as qualifying on the
tax roll, which, as a matter of fact, he
knew he had not paid. W. P. Winsby,
tax collector, replied that it was true
that Mr. Fairfull had not paid the tax,
but that he had claimed exemption on
the ground that he was over fifty years
of age.

"Well, what difference does that
make, anyway?" inquired Mr. Morphy.
"Mr. Fairfull isn't the court of revision.
Is he. He hasn't paid his rates, and
his name ought to be before this court."

The matter was not pressed any fur-
ther.

Of the one hundred and twenty odd
citizens whose qualifications to vote are
in doubt, and who were summoned to at-
tend the court, only eleven appeared in
person, while Mr. Morphy represented
some half dozen others. Those who
were present were: George Erick,
Charles A. Schultz, John A. Rithet, Ed-
ward G. Wilkins, John Burt, George
Martin, Arthur Osborne, William Pat-
terson, Thomas J. W. Hicks, R. A. H.
MacDonald.

In every case it was
found that the proceedings had arisen
out of some misunderstanding. That
Mr. Rithet stated that he had been un-
der the impression that the rate had
been paid at his office while he was
away. Others had sworn in their af-
fidavits that they had paid road taxes,
while as a matter of fact what they had
paid was dog tax. Stories are now being
told by the city officials to have all
these misunderstandings straightened
out.

As regards those who failed to attend,
the court has not yet decided what ac-
tion will be taken. A series of ques-
tions has been submitted to the city
solicitor, and when answers have been
received, the court will meet again and
deal with the cases. The notices sent
out to those who were requested to at-
tend the sitting of the court, summoned
them to come and show reason "why
their names should not be struck from
the voters' list," and it is a question
whether those who failed to appear
have not forfeited their right to vote.
In part the notification read as fol-
lows:

"You are hereby notified to appear
before the Court of Revision on the
Municipal Voters' List..... when an
opportunity will be given you of
showing cause why your name should
not be struck off the said voters' list,
for the reason that at the time of your
making the declaration of qualification
as a householder or licensee, you are
not qualified as therein stated."

"A. J. MORLEY,
Chairman Court of Revision."

Presentation.—The pupils of Miss S.
P. Smith's studio, presented her with a
satsuma five o'clock tea set for a
Christmas present.

Courtesy Appreciated.—Rowland Ma-
chin, of this city, has received the fol-
lowing self-explanatory letter from the
private secretary of David Guggenheim,
president of the great Guggenheim
mining firm: "Dear Sir:—The box of
beautiful holly that you sent to Mr.
Daniel Guggenheim has been received
in good order, and Mr. Guggenheim
directs me to write and thank you for
the kind thoughtfulness which prompted
you to send it to him. He appreciates
the courtesy very much, the more espe-
cially because it is finer and more im-
portant than any holly we get in this
part of the country. He extends to you
the compliments of the season."

SAUNDERS-JOHNSTON.

A Pretty Wedding on Wednesday at

St. Saviour's Church.

At St. Saviour's church, Victoria West,

on Wednesday, Rev. G. E. Cooper officiat-

ed, a beautiful wedding ceremony was

performed, the bride being Miss John-

ston, daughter of Mr. William John-

ston, of Fernside, Craigflower dis-

trict.

The church was beautifully decorated for

the occasion, and the bride, by strong

contingent of friends from Victoria, Van-

couver, Seattle and Port Essington. The

bride entered the church with her father,

and accompanied by her bridesmaids, the

Misses Sarah and Edith Johnston. The

wedding ring used in the service was made

of gold from the bride's brother's mining

claims in the Klondike. The bride was at-

tired in a white duchesse satin dress, trim-

med Brussels lace, chiffon and orange blis-

soms, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the

valley and carnations. The bridesmaid

wore dresses of crepe de Paris trimmed

with point de esprey, gold curb brooches,

lilies of the valley, and carried a bouquet of

chrysanthemum bouquets. The bridegroom

was supported by Mr. Alexander Salt, and

Mr. J. G. Johnston.

After the ceremony a reception was held

at Fernside, where all the time-honored

customs were observed.

The bride's going-away dress was gray

chiffon, broadcloth, and white Avonle fox

fur, the latter a present from the bride-

groom. The happy young couple left by

the Charmer on route to Banff, where the

honeymoon will be spent.

The following is a partial list of the

presenters:

Mrs. W. Johnston, house linen; Mr. W.

Johnston, leather costume case; Mr. J.

Johnston, oak cabinet of ivory handled

knives and carvers, silver spoons and forks;

Mr. R. G. Johnston, cheque; Mr. W. John-

ston, cheque; Mrs. Leslie Saunders, cheque;

Misses Sarah and Edith Johnston, brass tea

kettle and spirit lamp; Mr. and Mrs. G. B.

Bathie, silver tea and coffee

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SEALERS TO ARRANGE FOR SEASON'S WORK

Annual Meeting of the Company to be Held This Afternoon to Formulate Plans

SUGGESTS BRANDING OF SEALS

Strange Idea of Special Agent Sims For Marking Fur-Bearers on Pribiloff Rookeries

Today arrangements for the sealing season will be made by the shareholders of the Victoria Sealing Company, which controls the bulk of the fleet of Victoria, the depot on this side of the Pacific and the principal outfitting point in the world. The annual meeting will be held this afternoon at the rooms of the Board of Trade and officers will be elected and arrangements made for the coming season. As many vessels as crews can be found to man them will be sent to sea. The "Stivast" fleet will not be numerous, as far as can be learned; in fact the number of vessels to carry Indian crews will depend upon the supply of Indian hunters. During the past few years the sealers have had difficulty in securing complements of Indian hunters and each year the difficulty has increased. Five or six vessels will probably be sent out with full complements of white men, outfitting for a term of nine months or more, to follow the herds from the southern California coast north to Alaska; and when the coast season ends in May these vessels will proceed to Copper Islands to hunt on the grounds off the Russian rookeries until the Bering Sea season opens in August.

The "Independent" schooners this season have been increased by the addition of the schooners Ella G. and Thomas F. Bayard. The Ella G., first put to sea, left early in December to proceed south to follow the herds on the coast with Capt. J. C. Voss in command. The Bayard is being overhauled and made ready for sea and Capt. Hans Blakstad will take her out. It has not yet been decided whether a full crew of white hunters will be taken or whether Indians will be secured. Other "Independent" vessels are the Umbrina, which Capt. Haan, formerly of the Jessie, will command this season, Jessie and Eva Marie.

Another feature of today's meeting will be the arrangement to pay a dividend. As a result of the year's work a dividend of one dollar per share or \$1.2 per cent is to be paid on Jan. 2. A Washington despatch to the Chicago-Record, sent to the coast by the Associated Press says that Edwin W. Sims, special agent sent to the Pribiloff rookeries last summer by the United States has advocated the branding of the seals of Bering Sea. This was done in a most inhuman manner by an electrical brander invented by Dr. Starr Jordan and Prof. Farmer some years ago and the policy taken by sealers with brands showed what agony the animals must have suffered when the wounds came in contact with salt water. This was stopped some years ago. The despatch says:

"President Roosevelt and his cabinet are considering the suggestions made by District Attorney Sims of Illinois to protect the seal rookeries of the North Pacific. Sims reported to Secretary Metcalf on his return from a trip of investigation to the Pribiloff seal islands that the decrease in the herd was due solely to poaching sealing."

"While it is true the size of the herd has been steadily decreasing for a number of years," Sims said, "I believe its existence is more seriously threatened at this time than ever before in its history. The herd is in the most critical condition. The high price paid for seal skins in the London market last year has not only led to renewed activity on the part of Canadian sealing fleets, but is unquestionably responsible for the appearance in Bering sea this year of the largest fleet of Japanese vessels which have extended its operations against the Pribiloff herd. Fleets of the size of the Japanese cannot prey long on the already diminishing herd without annihilating it."

"In view of this warning Secretary Root has determined to push negotiations with Great Britain, Russia and Japan, the three powers having possessions in the North Pacific, for the purpose of obtaining a treaty forbidding poaching sealing. Sims has suggested it would be practicable to brand or tag all of the seals born on the islands in the same way that the great herds of cattle which roam the western prairies are branded, and that action of this kind on the part of the United States would reduce the seals to its possession and justify it in protecting them on the high seas."

THE HATHOR IN PORT

Big German Liner Here to Load Lumber for Mexico

The German steamer Hathor, one of the big vessels of the Kosmos line plying between Hamburg and Puget Sound via South America, reached the outer dock yesterday morning and commenced loading 400,000 feet of lumber to be shipped to Salina Cruz by the Sagway mills of this city. It is expected the steamer will sail tomorrow. The Hathor when in the Atlantic on her way to port, saved the crew of the British steamer Beacon Grange, which was on fire. The fire was brought under control with assistance from the Hathor, which towed to Grange liner into Monterey.

THE PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Repairs to C. P. R. Liner Are Almost Completed

Repairs to the steamer Princess Victoria, which was damaged as a result of stranding on Lewis rock in October, are nearing completion at Esquimalt. The work is progressing favorably and it is expected the steamer will be ready to leave the cradle of the Esquimalt Marine ways about a fortnight hence. It is expected the Princess Victoria will replace the Chamher on the Victoria-Vancouver route as soon as her overhaul is completed.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Anur was scheduled to leave Skagway yesterday for Victoria.

DAILY REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKETS

Though the Christmas trade was a record one, local merchants anticipate that the rush will continue until after the New Year. The late arrival of the turkeys caused a big trade to be done at the butchers' shops on Christmas eve, but local wholesalers state there will not be a surplus of the birds to carry over and prices therefore will be maintained. The only new shipment to arrive was one of pineapples. As they are of splendid quality, they are being rapidly taken up. Inability to obtain consignments has made somewhat of a famine in table raisins and other dried fruits, but the full holiday shipments are now arriving and the stringency will shortly be removed.

Appended are yesterday's quotations:

RETAIL MARKETS.

Meat and Poultry

Hams, per lb.	25 to 27
Bacon, per lb.	25 to 30
Beef, per lb.	\$10 to 18
Pork, dressed, per lb.	\$10 to 18
Lamb, per quarter	\$1.25 to \$1.75
Lamb, dressed, per lb.	12 1/2 to 18
Turkeys, Eastern, per lb.	30 to 35
Turkeys, local, per lb.	25 to 30
Geese, dressed, per lb.	20 to 25
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	15 to 20
Chickens, per lb., just weight	15 to 20
Chickens, broilers, per lb.	25 to 30
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	40 to 50
Quail, dressed, each	10 to 15
Hare, dressed, each	75 to 1.00

Fish

Qolachan, salted, per kit	\$2.25
Cod, salted, per lb.	12 1/2
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	8 to 15
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	8 to 15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	8 to 15
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	12 1/2
Salmon, fresh, per lb.	15 to 20
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	15 to 20
Clams, per lb.	50
Oysters, Olympia, per doz.	30
Oysters, Toke Point, doz.	45
Shrimps, per lb.	30
Herring, kippered	12 1/2
Smelt, per lb.	10
Herring, fresh, per lb.	10
Finnan Haddies, per lb.	20

Dairy Produce

Eggs—	35
Fresh Island, per doz.	50
Fresh cream, per pint	30
Cheese—	20
Canadian, per lb.	20
British Columbia, per lb.	20
Nonfat, each	10
Butter—	10
Manitoba, 14-lb. boxes	\$4.00
Manitoba, per lb.	30
Best dairy, per lb.	40
Victoria creamery, per lb.	40
Cowichan creamery, per lb.	40
Delta creamery, per lb.	40
Chilliwack creamery, per lb.	40

Vegetables

Cabbage, each	10
Onions, 6 lbs. for	25
Potatoes, Island, per sack	\$1.00 and \$1.25
Carrots, per sack	25
Caiflower, 2 heads	10
Garlic, per sack	12 1/2
Artichokes, per lb.	15
Celery, per bunch	15

Fruit

Oranges, navel, per doz.	25, 35, 40
Oranges, Japanese, per box	75
Apples, per box	40
Figs, cooking, per lb.	8 to 10
Figs, Smyrna, 3 lbs.	25
Figs, table, per lb.	20 to 25
Grapefruit, 4 for	15
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	15
Raisins, table, per lb.	20 to 30
Sultanas, Smyrna, best	15
Sultanas, California	15
Sultanas, medium	12 1/2
Currents, new cleaned	10
Apples, local, per box	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Bananas, per doz.	35
Pineapples, best, 3 lbs.	25
Pineapples, seconds, per lb.	5

Nuts

Walnuts, English, best, per lb.	25
Brazil, per lb.	30
Macadamia, per lb.	75
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	30
Almonds, Cal., paper shell, per lb.	30
Cocoanuts, each	10

Foodstuffs

Oats, per ton	\$30.00
Wheat, per ton	\$30.00
Barley, per ton	\$30.00
New hay	\$14.00 to \$18.00
Hay, Fraser, per ton	\$14.00
Straw, per bale	65
Corn, whole, per ton	\$35.00
Corn, cracked, per ton	\$35.00
Feed, cornmeal, per ton	\$35.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. sack	40
Rolls oats, per 7-lb. sack	35

Wholesale Markets.

Calgary Hungarian, per sack	\$1.50
Hungarian, per lb.	\$6.00
Royal Household, per sack	\$1.50
Pasture Flour—	
Snowflake, per sack	\$1.40
Feed—	
Middlings, per bag 100 lbs.	\$1.35
Brans, per 100 lbs.	\$1.25
Corn, per ton	10 to 12
Veal, per lb.	10 to 18
Lamb, per quarter	\$1.25 to \$1.75

Vegetables

Lettuce (hot house), per crate	\$1.50
Beets, per sack	\$1.25 to \$1.50
Carrots, per sack	\$1.00
Cabbage, per lb.	2
Onions, per lb.	1.50
Silver-skin onions, per lb.	2
Potatoes, per ton	\$17.50
Garlic, per ton	10
Golden Potatoes	10
Turnips, per sack	\$1.00

Flour

Flour, Hungarian, Ogilvie's	
Royal Household, per bbl.	\$5.00

Flour, Hungarian, Lake of the Woods, Five Roses, per bbl.	\$5.00
Flour, Hungarian, Monie's Best.	\$5.00
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	\$5.00
Flour, pasty, Monie's Dried Snow, per bbl.	\$4.35

Foodstuffs	
American wheat, per ton	\$32.00
Maritima feed wheat, per ton	\$32.00
Oats, Manitoba, per ton	\$25.00
Oats, Island, per ton	\$25.00
Barley, Manitoba, per ton	\$25.00
Citronas, per box	3 1/2
Peppers bell, per box	\$1.75
Turnips, per sack	\$1.25
Barley, Island, per ton	\$25.00
Brans, per ton	\$22.00
Shorts, per ton	\$22.00
Cracked corn, per ton	\$30.00
Hay, Fraser river, per ton	\$17.50
Hay, Island, per ton	\$14 to \$16
Feed, cornmeal, per ton	\$30.00
Chop feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole corn, best, per ton	\$29.00
Middlings, per ton	\$25.00

Fruit

Bananas, per bunch	\$3.00 to \$3.50
Lemons, per box	\$5.50 to \$6.00
Oranges, navel, per box	\$3.00 to \$3.75
Oranges, Japanese, per box	65
Apples, local, per box	\$1.35 to 1.75
Pineapples, per dozen	\$1.50

Produce

Eggs, local, per doz.	45
Butter, local, creamery	35
Comb honey, per lb., creamery	18
Comb honey, local, per lb.	25

Meats

Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Pork, per lb.	11
Tongues, per lb.	17 1/2
Beef, per lb.	8 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2
American lamb, per lb.	22 1/2
Racoon, rolled	6
American bacon, per lb.	25

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 27.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:	
Open. High. Low. Close.	
A. T. & S. F.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Am. Exp.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Am. O.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Am. R. T.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Am. W.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
C. & O.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
C. M. & St. P.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
C. T. & P.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
C. P. R.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
D. & R. G.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Erie	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
L. & N. Y.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
M. K. & T.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Mo. Pac.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
N. Y. C.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
N. W.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
O. & W.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
P. & N. E.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Reading	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
R. I. C.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
S. P.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
U. S. R.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
U. S. S.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Wabash	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
W. P.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
W. S. C.	101 1/2 101 3/4 101 1/2 101 3/4
Am. Copper	113 1/2 114 1/2 113 1/2 114 1/2
Am. Col. Oil	32 3/4 33 1/4 32 3/4 33 1/4
Am. Ind. Oil	16 1/2 17 1/4 16 1/2 17 1/4
Am. L. O.	24 3/4 25 1/4 24 3/4 25 1/4
Am. Car. & P.	41 1/2 42 1/4 41 1/2 42 1/4
Am. Smelting	150 1/2 151 1/4 150 1/2 151 1/4
Am. Sugar	132 1/2 133 1/4 132 1/2 133 1/4
Am. T. & L.	54 1/2 55 1/4 54 1/2 55 1/4
Am. Paper	18 1/2 19 1/4 18 1/2 19 1/4
People's Gas	97 1/2 98 1/4 97 1/2 98 1/4
Ar. Steel	52 1/2 53 1/4 52 1/2 53 1/4
U. S. Steel	47 1/2 48 1/4 47 1/2 48 1/4
West. Union	84 1/2 85 1/4 84 1/2 85 1/4

Money on call, 4 to 11 per cent; ruling rate, 8 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent.

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CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade today:	
Open. High. Low. Close.	
Wheat No. 2	73 1/2 74 1/4 73 1/2 74 1/4
Dec.	73 1/2 74 1/4 73 1/2 74 1/4
May	73 1/2 74 1/4 73 1/2 74 1/4
July	73 1/2 74 1/4 73 1/2 74 1/4
Corn No. 2	43 1/2 44 1/4 43 1/2 44 1/4
Dec.	43 1/2 44 1/4 43 1/2 44 1/4
May	43 1/2 44 1/4 43 1/2 44 1/4
July	43 1/2 44 1/4 43 1/2 44 1/4
Oats No. 2	35 1/2 36 1/4 35 1/2 36 1/4
Dec.	35 1/2 36 1/4 35 1/2 36 1/4
May	35 1/2 36 1/4 35 1/2 36 1/4
July	35 1/2 36 1/4 35 1/2 36 1/4
Jan.	15 1/2 16 1/4 15 1/2 16 1/4
May	15 1/2 16 1/4 15 1/2 16 1/4
July	15 1/2 16 1/4 15 1/2 16 1/4
Dec.	68 1/2 69 1/4 68 1/2 69 1/4
May	68 1/2 69 1/4 68 1/2 69 1/4
July	68 1/2 69 1/4 68 1/2 69 1/4

Stocks

We offer subject to prior sale:

1000 International Coal	\$.70
1000 Diamond vale	.28
1000 Western Oil	.18
150 Howe Sound	\$8.50

All active mining shares dealt in.

London, New York and Canadian Stocks.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

(Reported by Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., Stock Brokers, 519 Granville street, Vancouver.)	
Sellers. Buyers.	
Banks—	
Montreal	257 1/2
Manitoba	100
Commerce	174
Miscellaneous—	
Twain City	103 1/2
Mont. Head and Power	100 1/2
Ozillies	125
Ozillies' Bonds	115
Montreal Street	217 1/2
Parsons Street Railway	111 1/2
Donation Coal, com.	63 1/2
Donation Iron & Steel, com.	22 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	72 1/2
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	105 1/2
Can. Pac. Ry., London	103 1/2

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Virgin Rock

Bubbles

Sanitaris

THE MONARCH OF MINERAL WATERS

WHOLE ART OF RAILWAY CREATION

Exposited to an Admiring Audience of the Business Magnates of Toronto

MACKENZIE & MANN'S LONE HAND

Fascinating Chapter of Commercial Romance—How 125 Miles of Road Grew Into Transcontinental Line

The whole art of railway creation was exposed last night to an admiring audience of 300 of the commercial magnates of Toronto, says the Toronto World of December 15th. It was done at the board of trade banquet to the two princes of Canadian progress and prosperity, as J. B. Secor termed them in his letter of regret—William Mackenzie and Dan Mann, the authors and finishers of the Canadian Northern Railway System. To this brace of Ajaxes should be added the Ulysses of the event, Zebulon A. Lash, K.C. It is an open secret that behind the executive and motive forces of the two railway builders, stood the constructive and constituting capacity of the keen-minded lawyer. To hear his story of how the road was pieced together, with policy here and enterprise there; with strategic caution in one place, and dashing decision in another, while the conflict was waged where it could be most promptly exercised, was to listen to a fascinating chapter of commercial romance.

A Tribute

Z. A. Lash had something to say of Mackenzie and Mann, things which would be too modest to say of themselves.

"There is a general knowledge among the people of Canada that Mackenzie and Mann are great railway builders, and that the Canadian Northern Railway belongs to them, and there is also a general but erroneous impression that they have been so largely bonused and subsidized by public lands and money and have been so long 'feeding at the public trough' to use the elegant expression of some of the newspapers, that they do not deserve much credit for what they have done. (No, no.) I have been connected with the enterprise of the Canadian Northern Railway from its inception, in a capacity which enables me to speak with personal and accurate knowledge respecting Mackenzie and Mann's connection with it and respecting the growth and development of the system.

"The first line which your guests to-night built was only 125 miles in length and was built by a company with a small capital, but a long name, 'The Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company,' whose charter powers were very limited. Had they started out with a large fund proclaiming their intentions and seeking a charter covering Canada from one end to the other they would have aroused active opposition from various quarters. No opposition was encountered and the 125 miles were financed and built. They extend in a northerly direction from Gladstone, about 22 miles west of Winnipeg, to the southern limit of Lake Winnipegosis. The first train was run on the 10th day of December, 1896. D. B. Hanna was appointed superintendent. He is now a vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, in active charge. When going over his pay roll for the first month he found that including himself, station agents, section men and all other hands it totaled 13. He said to himself, 'This will never do; 13 is an unlucky number.' He hesitated between hiring another man or discharging one, and he finally compromised the matter by hiring a boy. (Laughter.)

In Ten Short Years

"From this small beginning has grown in exactly ten years on Wednesday of next week, a system which extends, with but few breaks, from Quebec City to 40 miles beyond Edmonton near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and which with branches comprises now 3400 miles of railway. Gentlemen, Mackenzie and Mann almost single-handed, and with but trifling assistance from the government, have accomplished this great work.

"There has never been an acre of land granted to any railway company which Mackenzie and Mann owned or controlled at the time when parliament or the government first authorized the grant. The facts are these: Land grants of the usual acreage per mile authorized by statute were given by the Dominion government to the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company, the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway Company, and the Manitoba and Southwestern Railway Company. These three companies now form part of the Canadian Northern Railway.

"The Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company was incorporated on April 16, 1880, the land grant was authorized by statute on May 16, 1880. "The Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Co. was incorporated on May 7, 1880. The land grant to this company was first made on July 28, 1882. The company tried to raise money on the lands and failed. It finally persuaded the Manitoba government to lend it \$250,000 on the security of its grant for forty miles, the line was commenced, then the company failed. It was not till 1898 that Mackenzie & Mann acquired the company. They settled with its creditors and bought the charter with the land grant attached and paid their own good money for it. They subsequently paid the Manitoba government their \$250,000 and interest and took over the 250,000 acres.

"The Manitoba & Southwestern was incorporated on May 2, 1880. Parliament authorized its land grant on May 16, 1890, and on October 19, 1891, the order-in-council making the grant was passed. The usual result followed—failure to raise the money required. Not even the Manitoba government would lend. Twenty miles was partially constructed, then collapse and Mackenzie & Mann to the rescue. It was not till 1898 that they acquired this company. These northwest lands have since become valuable and have proved a real assistance to the financiers of the company, but at first they were practically worthless.

them had been bought and paid for by them.

The Canadian Northern

"Following the same plan, the Ontario & Rainy River Railway Co.'s charter was obtained from the owners, who had controlled it for years and had made unsuccessful attempts to raise the money required for the construction of its line. This charter was granted by parliament in the year 1880, and it was not till 1897 that Mackenzie & Mann secured it. The company was authorized to build a line from Port Arthur on Lake Superior to the Rainy River, the boundary between Ontario and Minnesota. But to reach the Province of Manitoba a bridge over the Rainy River was necessary, also forty-three miles of railway through the corner of Minnesota. Charters for this bridge and forty-three miles were quietly obtained from Washington to Minneapolis, respectively, and in due time the whole line from Port Arthur to Winnipeg became an accomplished fact.

"The lines of Port Arthur, Duluth & Western and the Ontario & Rainy River, and the Manitoba & Hudson Bay, and the Lake Manitoba Railway & Canal Co. were all by due process of amalgamation and purchase merged into one company, viz., the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

The System Today

"About this time an event occurred which turned the Canadian Northern from a boy into a man. Information reached Mackenzie & Mann, that 350 miles of railway in Southern and Central Manitoba, which were then owned and operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, could likely be purchased outright at any time during the lease on favorable terms. This lease is dated January 15, 1901. You all may remember the interest which this event aroused in Manitoba and at Ottawa, and the hard fight which followed.

Without Pay

"Now, gentlemen, I'll tell you another secret. During all these years neither Mr. Mackenzie nor Mr. Mann has drawn from the railway company or the Canadian Northern Railway system one single dollar in cash for themselves, whether for contractors' profits on construction or otherwise. They have given their invaluable time and services without pay, and though they have in the interests of the railway probably done more traveling than any other two men in Toronto, yet they have not even drawn one dollar for traveling expenses. On the contrary, they have advanced out of their private means and credit millions of dollars for this railway system, and have in the earlier stages risked their whole fortunes and future for the benefit of the undertaking. You will, I am sure, all be pleased to know that these stages have been safely passed, and that the time is fast arriving when they will begin to enjoy fruits of their pluck and industry and ability.

"Committing myself to the generally constructed, or under course of construction by Mackenzie, Mann & Co., and to the rolling stock and equipment, elevators, terminals and terminal properties, I may tell you that these represent a cash expenditure exceeding \$70,000,000, yet the total cash government subsidies received have been only \$3,644,100, or about 5 per cent of the expenditure. Am I not right in saying that the cash assistance rendered by the government was trifling compared to the magnitude of the work accomplished?

"It is true that the governments of Manitoba, Ontario and the Dominion guaranteed bonds issued on certain lines, and that that helped the company to obtain its money at a lower rate of interest, but this has not cost, and never will cost, the country one cent.

Secrets of Success

"One other secret, and I have done. I have heard criticisms upon the wisdom of the course followed by Mackenzie & Mann in keeping in their own hands such absolute control of this great railway enterprise, and in not enlarging the number of the board, (which has been only five since the beginning), and in obtaining the public an opportunity to become interested by acquiring shares in the capital stock of the company.

"Gentlemen, I personally assume a full share of any responsibility which this may have entailed, because, as their legal adviser, knowing the technicalities of company law, and knowing how important quick and unanimous action in many cases becomes, I strongly advised them not to create an outside minority holding so long as the system was in process of development in its early stages, and so long as prompt and unanimous action by the company in its corporate capacity was essential to its success.

"Gentlemen, I say to you without hesitation that it would have been impossible to have developed the system so successfully and within so short a time had it been necessary to hold meetings of directors and shareholders in the formal public way required, where minority interests exist, and had it been necessary to discuss at those meetings, and therefore, practically in public, the important matters and negotiations, the success of which depended upon immediate and unanimous and confidential action. I feel inclined to go further, and say that it is doubtful if the system would ever have been created at all had such meetings and discussions been necessary.

"Some years ago it became suddenly necessary in a critical stage of financial negotiations in England that the amalgamation of the Manitoba and Southern and the Ontario and Rainy River railways was necessary. The Northern should immediately be brought about, and everything was accomplished, including the necessary orders-in-council at Ottawa, within one week, when it would otherwise have been necessary to give one month's public notice of the meeting to consider the amalgamation.

No Time Lost

"The lease of the Northern Pacific lines was practically acquired within a week after the negotiations were opened, and before certain opposition interests could get their forces to work in a way which might have blocked the deal.

"The acquisition of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway—250 miles in length—was first discussed at 11 a.m., and the bargain was concluded at 4 p.m. of the same day, and had departed not been used and the matter kept quiet, the chance—a most valuable one—would, I have no doubt, have been lost. Possession of this line is being taken this very night at midnight. These are but some of many instances, proving the wisdom of the course which has been followed. There are a few matters still which may require similar prompt and confidential action before the system will be properly joined up, but the day is not now very far distant when this distinctly Canadian enterprise will have upon its directorate and among its shareholders representative Canadians, who may be relied on to guide its future to still greater success.

"Gentlemen, I give you this tip. When the Canadian Northern stock comes on the market, by Canadian Northern." (Great applause.)

SAY PROPOSED BILL MENACES B. C. TRADE

Mail Order Houses in East May Compete on Large Scale with Local Retailers

The Dry Goods Review has sent broadcast throughout Canada the following circular:

"Toronto, Dec. 17, 1906. "Dear Sir—A bill will be introduced into parliament at the present session, to establish a cheap parcel post system in Canada, and whereby the post office shall collect on parcels. This would enable mail order houses to send goods to any part of the country in competition with local retailers.

"The Review is dealing with this editorially in the January issue, but the matter is so urgent we feel it our duty to the trade to suggest that you put a card at once to your local M.P., protesting against the bill, and stating that you expect him to oppose the measure. Have others do the same, and send us a copy of your communication.

"THE DRY GOODS REVIEW." Local merchants who have been interviewed on the matter express the opinion that the bill mentioned threatens to very materially injure the trade in British Columbia, as the measure practically means that merchandise of the large concerns in Eastern Canada will be able to do a retail trade in the West, without any of the disabilities which attaches to maintaining establishments in this province in the way of high freight rates, high wages to employees, trade licenses, etc. It is not improbable that the mercantile action will be taken by the merchants of British Columbia to lodge a protest at Ottawa against the passage of the proposed measure.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time High	Time Low	Time High	Time Low
	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
1	7:23	7:5	8:15	7:41
2	7:28	7:7	8:01	7:36
3	7:33	7:12	7:56	7:31
4	7:38	7:17	7:51	7:26
5	7:43	7:22	7:46	7:21
6	7:48	7:27	7:41	7:16
7	7:53	7:32	7:36	7:11
8	7:58	7:37	7:31	7:06
9	8:03	7:42	7:26	7:01
10	8:08	7:47	7:21	6:56
11	8:13	7:52	7:16	6:51
12	8:18	7:57	7:11	6:46
13	8:23	8:02	7:06	6:41
14	8:28	8:07	7:01	6:36
15	8:33	8:12	6:56	6:31
16	8:38	8:17	6:51	6:26
17	8:43	8:22	6:46	6:21
18	8:48	8:27	6:41	6:16
19	8:53	8:32	6:36	6:11
20	8:58	8:37	6:31	6:06
21	9:03	8:42	6:26	6:01
22	9:08	8:47	6:21	5:56
23	9:13	8:52	6:16	5:51
24	9:18	8:57	6:11	5:46
25	9:23	9:02	6:06	5:41
26	9:28	9:07	6:01	5:36
27	9:33	9:12	5:56	5:31
28	9:38	9:17	5:51	5:26
29	9:43	9:22	5:46	5:21
30	9:48	9:27	5:41	5:16
31	9:53	9:32	5:36	5:11

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, the middle of the night.

The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is measured from the level of the lowest low water.

The level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

Christmas Day In the Navy

The Festive Day on a British Warship

"Jack's the boy for work." "Jack's the boy for play, so goes the song. Christmas Day has little to do, and when it is practically all play for Jack, whether he is afloat or ashore, on duty or on leave.

(Twenty-four hours, beginning at 8 bells, midnight), the Naval Discipline Act is virtually non-existent on every ship in His Majesty's Navy, and the bluejackets, who are detailed on board for duty on the festive day, are at liberty to do very much as they please.

At home ports the crews are considerably depleted; for ten days Christmas leave is granted, and only sufficient men are kept on board to carry out the routine duties. Half of the ships company are on leave at a time, and when they return on board the others are given a like period of liberty ashore. The men who remain on board on Christmas Day have little to do, and they manage to do it well and cheerfully. The day ranks as a Sunday, with special privileges, and the captain closes his official eye. It is the time when the ship's company, the White Ensign, whether she is amongst the ice and snow of the North American or broiling beneath a midsummer sun in Sydney harbor, or doing duty off the coast of some part of the fever-haunted coast of West Africa. Christmas Day is Jack's day, no matter where he may be, and he makes the most of it. The principal fare is roast beef, duck and green peas, or the old salt pork and peas (if at sea).

The food on a British warship on Christmas Day is, of course, very special to the occasion; it is not furnished by a baker and a butcher, however, but by the navy estimates make no provision for this aspect, and on December 25th Jack provides his own means. The naval officers, and the messes in which the lower deck ratings are quartered, are provided with a special menu. Besides being their own hosts, the gallant bluejackets who happen to be on duty, usually act as hosts to many of their friends as well, whom they are privileged to invite on board for the mid-day meal and enjoy the usual festivities held on Christmas Day. Jack is as generous as ever, if not as foolish and reckless in his generosity as in the unthinking days of yore. To be his guest on that day is to make sure of having a good time in a harmless way, so there is never any lack of visitors to warships in English waters on that occasion.

The preparations for keeping Christmas in the dock are commenced long before for some days past. For one thing, the galleys have been kept going day and night in order to meet the increased demand for the messes in the matter of special food. There are the decorations, too, to be prepared, since Jack likes to see his ship sensibly gay, and his own heart buoyed with greenery and mottoes, and devices of colored paper designed to that end. When all this ornamentation has been distributed about the decks, the ship wears a bright and festive appearance; it seems to baffle her true mission, viz: a death-dealing machine. The additional electric lights which have been well up to enhance the effect are turned on, and the scene becomes a particularly striking one.

But there is a lot to be done, for there is a lot to be done before night sets in with Jack, as with his friends ashore. The tale of Christmas is largely one of meals. There is special food about likely to be brought, which is served by the time the main portion of the day's decorations have been carried out. As soon as this meal is over, the evening is made for the grand and more important one, the tables being laid for dinner and the decks cleared up. The next item on the programme is a short service, which is held in the forenoon for the naval chaplain (if the ship carries one) has yet to be found who would be bold enough to deliver a long sermon on the occasion of Christmas Day. The men sent themselves at the loaded tables, now brightened up by a lavish display of flags, and in the evening that are fortunate who can carry a hand, usually at that time, strike up with "The Toast of Old England," and the chaplain, accompanied by the officers, makes a pilgrimage round the mess deck. It is Jack's privilege and pride to invite the officers to share his delicacies, and this he does, or pretends to do, for the fit-bits pressed upon them would require the greatest of appetites to dispose of them all in the way the hosts intend.

Jack is not at all that Jack sits down to at this Christmas dinner. Every man (unless, of course, he happens to be a total abstainer, or a devotee of the grog) has a glass of beer as well as half a pint of three water "grog." (By the way, it is not everybody who knows how the word grog came into being.)

The beverage which goes by that name was originated by Admiral Vernon about 1740, and it is said that the admiral was in the habit of wearing a "grogan" coat; all weathers, and was given the name of "Old Grog." Admiral Vernon strongly disapproved of the practice then in vogue of serving out raw spirits to the men, and instituted the reform of serving the men rum and water, which was not appreciated by those who drank it, and the watered rum was nicknamed after its inventor, and the name has since been universally known as "Grog." As for the three water variety, it is made up of one-half gill of rum, to three half gills of water.

Dinner is over, and every bluejacket present, feeling he has had enough to eat, one of them, generally a petty officer, gives the toast to the officers, and gives cheers to the captain and officers, wishing them long life and prosperity, and the compliments of the season. The toast is given by the captain, and the captain, in answer, wishes the men long life and prosperity, and the compliments of the season. The toast is given by the captain, and the captain, in answer, wishes the men long life and prosperity, and the compliments of the season.

In some ships where it is available, "free gangway" is given. That is, anyone wishing to go ashore can do so until the next morning. Not many of the crew, however, of the day now begin, and an impromptu concert and dance is soon in full swing, and it is none the less enjoyable for not being premature.

There are instrumental selections as well as songs. The banjo and mandolin are the favorite instruments, and they are made to give their best, nor is the soul-stirring concertina and accordion dispensed. As for the songs, they are all sorts, chiefly modern, such as "The Bowdler," "The Day of Biscay," "Nancy Lee," are nearly all forgotten; rarely are they sung now. There is bound to be at least one man who can dance the hornpipe as it should be danced, or give a step-dance, and he is called upon to show his abilities, which he does so well that the many critical eyes that are fastened upon him beam with unanimous appreciation.

Some ships have their own recognized theatrical party, or minstrel troupe, and when called upon they are sure to give a lacking, and many are the praises showered on these amateur variety artists, for Jack possesses no mean talent for that kind of entertainment.

In the course of the afternoon or evening some of the bluejackets, disguised out of all recognition with black faces, or startling, or give a step-dance, and he is called upon to show his abilities, which he does so well that the many critical eyes that are fastened upon him beam with unanimous appreciation.

After the variety entertainment, and to end the day's enjoyment, comes dance, and Jack enjoys himself then, more than in the earlier stages of the festivities. Finally the visitors depart with much kissing hands to the fair crew, and moving of handkerchiefs on their part, but still all is not over. There is a "sing-song" all on "their own," with plenty of jokes and laughter and cheering and shouting, and other aid the ever accumulating tobacco smoke.

Jack has had a memorable day by the time he "turns in" at the Boatwain's Mate's "pipe down," 10 o'clock p.m., and it is worthy to note that he "turns in" sober, even when he has been a total abstainer, of course that is aboard ship. The men ashore not professing total abstinence do imbibe freely, but in most cases, even when the persuasions of civilians who insist upon "treating" Jack. It was not always so that a bluejacket would "turn in" sober after spending such an enjoyable day, for in days gone by, the past the Christmas festival was an impenetrable orgie. Some of the men would carry off their "allowance" of rum, and the bluejackets would be left with the remainder, and the sequel would not be a pleasing one.

In the days when the chief idea of Christmas enjoyment was excessive drinking, Jack had a noisy way of keeping up the festival. Among other things he would insist upon carrying the officers round the ship. In the case of a popular officer, this was no hardship, and would cheer him to the echo. But an officer who was unpopular would be subjected to all manner of insults, so those who knew themselves to be so would get leave ashore as early as possible. The custom of carrying round the officer is more honored in the breach than in the observance nowadays, and when the ceremony does take place, it is directed by none of the rough handling that formerly characterized it.

E. C. F.

IN LINE WITH THE PURE FOOD LAW.

The National Food and Drug Act, which takes effect Jan. 1, 1907, does not affect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under the Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with cough or cold. For sale by all druggists.

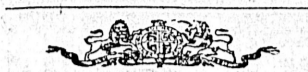
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Department of Mines.

Coal Mines Regulation Act.

Boards of Examiners.

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Elected by the Miners—Thomas Ripley.

Alternates—John Horbury, Daniel Stewart.

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Alternates—Joseph Thomas, John Laurenson.

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TEMPERATURE.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	28	41
Vancouver	24	38
New Westminster	24	38
Kamloops	16	22
Barkerville	14	28
Port Simpson	34	42
Calgary	16	29
Edmonton	10	20
Winnipeg	8	16
Portland	36	46
San Francisco	50	58

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For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)
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P. E. Hall, Jr., Everett; W. T. Fletcher,
New York; Angus Gust, New York; Miss
Josie Clapham, New York; Miss Pauline
Flood, New York; B. Hagan, New
York; T. Baccote, Alex. Cameron and wife,
Mt. Staker, Donald Higgs, South Pender;
G. M. Morrison, Mt. Staker; Mr. and Mrs.
J. H. Sheer, Haida, Man.

The Victoria
Daniel Hagan, city; Geo. Hobson, Se-
attle; A. D. McKinnon, Chemainus; Thos.
J. Fenton, Wellington, B. C.; R. R. Jones,
Nanaimo; Wm. Stead and wife, Winnipeg;
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Plunegon, Hollingham;
Chas. T. Wright and wife, Everett; T.
Wright, Jr.; Everett; Miss May Wright,
Everett; Miss Bella Wright, Everett; D.
Stewart, Esquimaux; A. E. Soper, Vancouver;
Mrs. Howe, Vancouver; C. Watkins, Van-
couver; H. Lee, Edmonton.

COMPLAINS ABOUT INSURANCE TAXES

**W. S. Holland, Prominent Agent,
Says Levy of \$300 Drives
Business From City**

"The \$300 tax per year on fire insur-
ance companies imposed in Victoria is
driving away a lot of business from the
city," said W. S. Holland, a prominent
insurance man of Vancouver, at the
Driad hotel last night. "I understand
it was put on years ago for the purpose
of securing fire protection that never
was attained. It is an unjust tax, and
many of the newer companies in particu-
lar refuse to do business in Victoria as
a result. In Vancouver we only pay
\$100 per annum in New Westminster,
\$50, and in Kamloops, \$25. All other
places in the province are free. Only a
week or two ago one of the oldest fire
companies doing business in your city
withdrew. Others with which I am con-
nected have suggested doing the same
thing, and I have only advised them to
hold on, hoping that this imposition
would be repealed. It amounts to a 5
per cent tax on a premium income of
\$6,000 a year, and this is quite as much
as the average.

"What makes it worse is the fact
that the necessary protection is secured
by the government. A company goes to
the Dominion authorities and asks for
the right to do business. To secure this
it has to deposit \$55,000 in collateral
security to secure its license. When

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it wishes to do this business in this prov-
ince it pays an additional \$250. And yet
Victoria and its suburbs a year to these
charges.

"None of the insurance companies are
opening agencies in Victoria. Within
the past few months Hobson & Co. of
Vancouver have announced at least three
new companies to do a business in British
Columbia, but because of them will open
here. By the end of next month I shall
have secured business but not one will
open in Victoria until this tax is re-
pealed, and that means materially re-
duced.

"You know the industries springing
up all over Vancouver Island, all of
which would place their insurance in
Victoria, if possible. While many of
the most popular companies refuse to
open offices in the city, residents must
be content to send their business out-
side."

Buyers Timothy V. Mac-Cr. A. Harrison,
proprietor of the Driad hotel, recently
returned from San Francisco at a
special rate, and he and the two daughters
of Crescenzo, who just famous stallion
the world over, she is called Miss
Crescenzo, and he is named Venus 2nd,
who holds a record of 2.11 1-4. The
only other famous stallion of the famous stall-
ion is Ladybug, who was owned by Miss
Katherine V. Mac-Cr. of Galt, Ont. This
both the famous stallions of Crescenzo
are owned in Canada. Within
twenty-four hours after purchasing,
Mr. Harrison was offered \$575 advance
on the price to pay for the filly, but
refused to pay for the filly, but Miss Cres-
cenzo has been brought to Victoria.

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CITY LABORERS ASK INCREASE IN WAGES

Aldermen Pass the Request on to the Council of Next Year

Something in the nature of a sensation was caused at the meeting of the city council last evening, when a letter was received from William McKay, secretary of the Victoria Laborers' Protective association, in which was demanded an increase of twenty-five per cent in the wages of all day laborers in the employ of the city.

ed to back up his resolution with figures. Day laborers in the employ of the corporation, said Ald. Fullerton, were paid at a lower rate than by any firm in the city. Sewer men got \$2.50 a day, road laborers, \$2.00, while those who were employed sweeping the streets got \$1.50 a day. These wages declared Ald. Fullerton were not adequate in the face of present conditions.

The Next Year's Council
Ald. Davey, while stating that he was in favor of the principal all right, was of the opinion that it was matter which could hardly be touched by this year's council. Ald. Yates too was of the same opinion. "I want to see next year's council do what is right," said he, "but all the same I do not think that we have the right to interfere with them in any way, and if we should dictate to them what course to pursue in this matter, we should certainly be interfering. No, I think the only thing to do is to refer it to the council of 1907."

Ald. Fell suggested a referendum, but when it was pointed out that it was too late for this, made no further mention of it. Ald. Hall stated that he was in favor of the move, but considered that it would not be right to attempt to dictate to next year's council. On the suggestion of the mayor, it was decided to add the words, "for favorable consideration" to the resolution referring the matter to the council of 1907.

GAZETTE NOTICES

Thirty-four new applications for timber licenses and twenty to purchase lands are included in the current issue of the Gazette.

Several of both are on Vancouver Island, and a telephone company is proposed to cover the whole of Yale county. Edgar Bloomfield gives notice of an application for a private bill to incorporate a company, with the usual powers, for this purpose.

Harris & Bull, of Vancouver, also give notice of an application to incorporate the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co., to carry on a general banking business. A. J. Laxton, K.C., of this city, gives notice that he will apply for a private bill to consolidate certain leaseholds, placing mining claims and other property on Willow river, Slough creek and William's creek, Cariboo district.

The following companies have been incorporated during the week for Canada: Nippon Supply Co., Ltd., capital \$100,000; Queen City Trading & Transportation Co., Ltd., capital, \$20,000; Western Canada Wholesale Co., Ltd., capital, \$50,000. The Henry Swart Lumber Co., of Wisconsin, capital \$100,000, has been registered. J. H. Lawson, Jr., of this city, being the attorney. Only two applications were made during the week, as follows:

Graham Rosoman, clerk of the city of Enderby, to be a police magistrate for the said city, and to hold small debts courts in and for the city of Enderby, from the 1st day of January, 1907.

Albert Edward Planta, of the city of Nanaimo, J. P., to be a selector of jurors for the county of Nanaimo, in the place of Edwin Plimbury, resigned.

The following places on Vancouver Island have been set for the reception of nomination of candidates for the next legislature on January 10th, 1907: Victoria city, provincial police office; Saanich, school house, Royal Oak; Esquimalt, Masonic hall, Esquimalt; Cowichan, court house, Duncan; Islands, court house, Salt Spring Island; Nanaimo, city hall, Ladysmith; Nanaimo, city hall, court house, Alberni; Comox, court house, Comoxland.

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